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ASSESSING INDIA'S RESOURCES

Planning Commission's Terms Of Reference

BALANCED UTILISATION TO BE FORMULATED

NEW DELHI, March 15.

THE TERMS of reference of the Planning Commission the objectives it would attempt to promote and how its recommendations will be implemented, are announced in a resolution published in a Gazette Extraordinary issued today by the Government of India.

The resolution refers to the fundamental rights of the citizens of India as contained in the Constitution and the directive principles of State policy, particularly the declared objective to promote a rapid rise in the standard of living of the people by efficient exploitation of the resources of the country, increasing production, and offering opportunities to all for employment in the service of the community.

To achieve these objectives, the Planning Commission has been entrusted to:

(1) Make an assessment of the material, capital and human resources of the country, including technical personnel, and investigate the possibilities of augmenting such of those resources as are found to be deficient in relation to the nation's requirements.

(2) Formulate a plan for the most effective and balanced utilisation of the country's resources.

(3) On a determination of priorities, define the stages in which the plan should be carried out and propose the allocation of resources for the due completion of each stage.

(4) Indicate the factors which are tending to retard economic development, and determine the conditions which, in view of the current social and political situation, should be established for the successful execution of the plan.

(5) Determine the nature of the machinery which will be necessary for securing the successful implementation of each stage of the plan in all its aspects.

(6) Appraise from time to time the progress achieved in the execution of each state of the plan and recommend the adjustments of policy and measures that such appraisal may show to be necessary.

(7) Make such interim or ancillary recommendations as appear to it to be appropriate either for facilitating the discharge of the duties assigned to it; or on a consideration of the prevailing economic conditions, current policies, measures and development programmes; or on an examination of such specific problems as may be referred to it for advice by Central or State Governments.

CALL FOR CO-OPERATION

The Commission, which will make recommendations to the Cabinet, will act in close understanding and consultation with the Ministries of the Central Government and the Governments of the States. Responsibility for taking and implementing decisions will rest with the Central and the State Governments. The Government of India feel confident that the States will give the fullest measure of help to the Commission so as to ensure the maximum co-ordination in policy and unity in effort.

In conclusion, the resolution says: "The work of the Planning Commission will affect decisively the future welfare of the people in every sphere of national life. Its success will depend on the extent to which it enlists the association and co-operation of the people at all levels. The Government of India, therefore, earnestly hope that in carrying out its work the Commission will receive the maximum support and goodwill from all interests and, in particular, from industry and labour."

EARLIER EFFORTS

Earlier, the resolution traces the efforts made during the last few years for planned development of the country. It refers to the work done by the National Planning Committee set up by the Indian National Congress, the Department of Planning and Development which came into being in 1944 and the Advisory Planning Board which was appointed in 1946 by the interim Government of India. It was the latter body which recommended the appointment of a Planning Commission to devote continuous attention to the whole field of development so far as the Central Government was concerned with it.

During the last three years, the resolution says, the Centre as well as the Provinces have initiated schemes of development but progress has been hampered by the absence of adequate co-ordination and sufficiently precise information about the availability of resources. With the integration of the former Indian States and the emergence of new geographical and economic facts, a fresh assessment of the financial and other resources and of the essential conditions of progress, has now become necessary.

Factors like inflationary pressures inherited from the war, balance of payments difficulties, influx of several million displaced persons, deficiencies in the country's food supply, and dislocation of supplies of certain raw materials, placed the economy under a severe strain.

Therefore, the need for comprehensive planning based on a careful appraisal of resources and on an objective analysis of all the relevant economic factors has become imperative.

These purposes, the resolution adds, can best be achieved by a Planning Commission which will be free from the burden of day-to-day administration but will be in constant touch with the Government at the highest policy level.

Storm Over Calcutta

CALCUTTA, March 15 (PTI): A thunderstorm, accompanied with a light shower passed over Calcutta area shortly after eight tonight.

Starting with a speed of 28 miles per hour, the storm, which continued till after midnight, reached its maximum velocity of 62 miles at about eleven P.M. Enquiries made at the Dum Dum airport at ten P.M. showed that none of the scheduled services, both incoming and outgoing was affected by the storm.

Seretse Ban To Go?

LONDON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter).

THE Labour Party newspaper, The Daily Herald, today predicted the British Government would drop its five-year ban from Bechuanaland of Seretse Khama, Bamangwate chief-designate.

"Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Commonwealth Relations Secretary, is expected to tell the Commons tomorrow that Seretse can go back to Serowe on condition he quits the country if there is any trouble", the paper said.

A message from Serowe said: Seretse Khama has sent a cable to his wife, former London typist Ruth Williams, saying, "Awaiting Government okay to go home. Expecting it soon."

Students for the S.S.C. Examination waiting outside Podar College for the doors to open. The exams began on Wednesday.

BOMBAY IS CALM

3 Incidents

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

NO untoward incident of any kind was reported from any part of the Bombay City today The incident of knife-attack that occurred at Madhavbag, this morning was purely of a personal and private nature.

By midnight, three stray incidents of knife-attacks were reported from different localities of the city, accorcing to a press note issued by the Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay. None of them, it is stated, proved fatal.

Police continue the rounding up of bad characters and of persons carrying lethal weapons. Fiftythree more arrests were made, bringing the total number of arrests to 344.

QUIT NOTICE TO LISBON

Free The Pockets In India

NEW DELHI, March 15, (PTI).

THE Government of India are understood to have addressed a communication to Lisbon on the future of the Portuguese possessions in India.

The communication followed a series of discussions between the Indian Minister to Portugal, Mr. P.A. Menon, and the Portuguese Foreign Office, during which the Indian Minister is understood to have suggested that it was desirable that preliminary steps should be taken by the Portuguese Government even as the French Government had done in regard to the future of their settlements in India.

The Portuguese Government's reply is expected shortly.

ASSAM STATE WASTES PUBLIC FUNDS

Mr. Santhanam's Charge: Prefabs Plan Under Fire

NEW DELHI, March 15, (PTI).

MR. K. SANTHANAM, Minister of State for Transport, today charged the Assam Government with having "recklessly wasted" a substantial part of rupees two crores on the Tripura border road, which was found "useless" and had to be abandoned.

Mr. Santhanam was speaking in Parliament during the debate on demands for grants to the Transport Ministry.

Mr. Santhanam said that the Assam Government had "wasted" the amount on the 230-mile Shillong-Haflong-Silchar-Churaibari road and the 120-mile Churaibari-Agartala road.

Both were constructed without proper engineering advice and had to be abandoned. On the first road, the bulk of the money was spent by the Assam Government. On the second, the money had been advanced directly by the States Ministry and the Defence Ministry of the Central Government.

"The Assam Government, said Mr. Santhanam, is specialising in wasting public funds without gaining any benefit to itself. The whole affair will have to be gone into by a proper committee of enquiry. A number of superior engineers of the Assam Government have already been suspended and we have asked for a searching enquiry."

PREFABS FACTORY

Mr. Kamath "warned" the House to be prepared for the "ignominious failure" of the Rs. forty-two lakhs prefabricated housing factory in Delhi. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, said that production should start during the course of this year, and appealed to members to wait to pass judgment on "this experiment" until they had seen the results. Mr. Kamath had demanded an enquiry. According to him, the scheme had resulted in "mounting costs and receding houses." Rajkumari Amrit Kaur replied that the proof of the pudding was in the eating.

The Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, said he was "very unhappy" over the Education Budget Without funds, he added, it was difficult for the Ministry to go forward in any direction.

Devoting his speech entirely to what he called the "mismanagement of the housing factory in Delhi," Mr. Kamath said: "The Health Minister seems to have relied on the expert guidance of a foreign technician who has succeeded in misguiding her."

The scheme, said Mr. Kamath, had been rejected by the Mysore Government but was later taken up by the Government of India. The expectations of the Government of India when they decided to go ahead with it had been completely belied.

The sale of prefabricated houses was expected to begin about September 1, 1949. But even today, "nowhere is a prefabricated house in sight." The original estimate of the cost of a prefabricated house was about Rs. 2,500. Now it was estimated at Rs. 4,500. He would not be surprised if it was further raised to Rs 5,000

"It is an open secret," said Mr. Kamath, "that the consulting firm is keenly interested in promoting the sale of aluminium alloy structurals in view of the fact that they are associated with a British aluminium manufacturing company. In the present strained state of our national finances, any-

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TWO BOMBERS CRASH IN U. K.

Eleven RAF Men Killed

LONDON, March 15 (P.T.I.-Reuter).

ELEVEN Royal Air Force men were killed and one injured in two Lincoln four-engined bomber crashes in different parts of Britain today.

One Lincoln bomber returning from an all-night training flight overran the runway at Hemswell R.A.F., station, Lincolnshire, killing five crew members and injuring a sixth.

Another Lincoln, with a crew of six or seven on a cross-country flight from Campton, Lincolnshire, crashed 2,000 feet up on the slopes of Carnedd Llewelyn, North Wales.

TRIBESMEN HIT BACK AT THE BRITISH

Non-Cooperation Begins

SEROWE (BECHUANALAND), March 15, (PTI-Reuter).

THE Bamangwato tribe, protesting against the British Government's decision to exile its chief-designate, Seretse Khama for five years, began "non-cooperation" today.

They refused to distribute a Government statement. The tribe had already decided to pay no more taxes.

Today the District Commissioner's office prepared mimeographed copies of the statement in Parliment by Mr. Gordon-Walker, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, on the banish ing of Seretse. The officials wanted them to be handed round to the tribesmen but the headmen refused to accept them.

Sir Evelyn Baring, the British High Commissioner, had intended to read the statement at a kootla (tribal council) on Monday, but the headmen boycotted the meeting.

REPORT ON U. P. DISTURBANCES

LUCKNOW, March 15 (UPI)

About sixtyeight persons were killed including a dozen as a result of police firings, and 130 injured in the recent communal disturbances at Aligarh, Moradabad, Bareilly, Pillibhit and Shajahanpur

This was revealed by Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Police Minister of the Uttar Pradesh at a Press Conference held this morning after his three-day tour in the affected areas.

U. N. Search Is On For A Mediator

NEW YORK PAPER SUGGESTS TWO MEN BE SENT

NEW YORK, March 15. (PTI-Reuter).

LEADING members of the Security Council were busy today on the job of selecting a "United Nations representative" to act as Mediator in the Kashmir dispute.

It was learned that both Mr. Benegal Narsing Rau, the chief Indian representative, and Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan Foreign Minister, had been requested by the President of the Security Council to be available for consultations in the course of the day. Indian sources said no names had yet been officially proposed for the post of Mediator.

Some surprise was caused, meanwhile, by suggestions in the press here that a certain plan had "gained strength".

The New York Times this morning said, "The United States, without doing any pressing, is reported favourable to the idea of Admiral Nimitz (as Mediator). Pakistan is also said to lean towards the Admiral, because of his prestige and the fact that demilitarisation might demand a man with a military background.

"One plan that was reported to have gained strength was to have both Admiral Nimitz and Dr. Ralph Bunche go to Kashmir. The Admiral would be in overall charge and Dr. Bunche would supervise the handling of specific problems standing in the way of the plebiscite.

"Despatches from New Delhi have said that Dr. Bunche is India's first choice."

UNACCEPTABLE

Authoritative Indian sources said that any such plan would not be acceptable to India. The resolution accepted by India and Pakistan envisages only one Mediator and not two. Admiral Nimitz's position as Prebiscite Administrator would be prejudiced if he first had to take on the job of Mediator with all its controversial problems.

It was also pointed out that India had suggested to the sponsors of the draft resolution a three-man mediation board—India and Pakistan to nominate one member each and the Security Council to appoint the Chairman.

This suggestion had not been acceptable to them. Now to introduce a new element in the mediation plan would not be in keeping with the adopted resolution, it was explained.

(See Page 2)

No Central Advice On Release Of Reds

LUCKNOW, March 15 (UPI): The State Government had not received any instructions or even advice from the Central Government to release from jails and withdraw warrants pending against P.C. Joshi and group of Communist Party members, U.P.'s Police Minister, Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, told the U.P.I. He said that officially he did not know of any differences inside the Communist Party. He, howver, added that the State Government had always treated leniently the cases of those Communists who disassociated themselves from the policy being pursued by the Party.

MEDIATOR MUST REALISE BASIC FACTORS

Kashmir Leader's Warning: Abdullah To Meet Nehru

JAMMU, March 15. (PTI).

SHEIKH MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH, Chief Minister of Kashmir is leaving for New Delhi this week to confer with Prime Minister Pandit Nehru and officials of the External Affairs Ministry on the situation arising out of the appointment of a mediator to resolve the Kashmir dispute.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Abdullah is having almost uninterrupted talks on the situation with his Cabinet colleagues and leaders of the Kashmir National Conference.

Commenting on the development, Maulana Mohd. Sayeed Masoodi, General Secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference said it remained to be seen whether the one-man mediator would brush aside "the basic factors and fundamentals of India's stand 'vis-a-vis' Pakistan" altogether and put forward suggestions which would be incompatible with the position which India had taken. "If he tries to ignore these basic factors, then, there would be very few chances for his success", he added

A CONCESSION

Maulana Sayeed Masoodi said, the replacement of the United Nations Kashmir Commission by a single mediator was an "important concession" to India inasmuch as the proposal to appoint an arbitrator which had been rejected by India and the people of Kashmir had been shelved.

He said: "We have always been anxious for a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir dispute and we hope the one-man mediator will succeed in his mission. India's Representative on the Security Council has accepted the Four-Power resolution, subject to modifications which he had suggested to the MacNaughton formula. These modifications relate to complete disbandment of Azad Kashmir Forces, withdrawal of Pakistan's regular and irregular forces from the territory of Jammu and Kashmir State and the effective exercise of Jammu and Kashmir Government of its sovereignty over the whole State including the northern areas. We have also insisted that in the process of demilitarisation there should be no equation of our forces and those of the enemy. These basic factors and fundamentals cannot be brushed aside or ignored."

Refugee Boy Meets P. M.

CALCUTTA, March 15 (UPI). A 7-year-old boy, Sushil Kumar Saha, hailing from Jamalpur, Mymensingh District was the luckiest among his comrades to talk with Prime Minister Pandit Nehru during his visit to the refugee camps at Ranaghat this morning. He posed for a photo with the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister also mixed with other little boys and girls of the camp and talked to them freely.

Toward Peace: PM's Talks

CALCUTTA, March 15 (P.T.I.): This afternoon, Pandit Nehru had a conference with the rehabilitation officers of the Government of India. He had also a discussion with West Bengal's Chief Minister.

Later, the Prime Minister received a deputation on behalf of the Central Peace Committee led by Dr. P. C. Ghosh. The deputationists are stated to have submitted to the Prime Minister certain suggestions for the maintenance of peace in West Bengal.

Another deputation on behalf of the North Calcutta District Congress Committee also met Pandit Nehru when the general situation in West Bengal was discussed.

(Earlier News on Page 5)

About 3,500 refugees from various parts of East Bengal were brought to different refugee camps at Ranaghat today by train (says U.P.I.).

Nearly 2,000 passengers from East Pakistan also arrived in Calcutta by Assam Mail and Chittagong Mail which arrived at 9-30 p.m. last night and at 8 a.m. today respectively.

GAUHATI: The Governor of Assam left this morning on a two-day tour of the recently disturbed areas in Barlet subdivision (Kamrup district) and in Goalpara district.

Ranaghat Relief Camps

CALCUTTA, March 15.

The Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry of India has decided to take over charge of the relief camps in Ranaghat.

These camps are being run by the West Bengal Government. Many refugees coming to West Bengal from East Pakistan are being detrained at Ranaghat for temporary shelter.

It is gathered that about Rs. three lakhs is re required to run these camps every month.

Calcutta Fire Damage

CALCUTTA, March 15 (UPI): Damage in the Calcutta University Darbhanga building fire on Tuesday evening has been considerable. The entire records of the Accounts Department have been burnt. The Commissioner of Police and the Insurance company have been informed. Police guards have been posted and the affected areas cordoned off to keep everyone away.

It is said that the electric line in that section of the building where the fire originated, was defective. The Enquiry Committee's report on the Accounts Department is now practically ready.

Poland Quits World Bank

WASHINGTON, March 15, (PTI-Reuter): Poland has withdrawn from the World Bank and from the International Moneary Fund. The Polish Ambassador in Washington formally notified both organisations of Poland's withdrawal yesterday afternoon.

This was the first resignation from the Bank since it was formed in 1945.

Sugar Syndicates To Be Wound Up

LUCKNOW, March 15, (PTI): The Indian Sugar Syndicate, which met here today, decided to suspend all its activities. Its Chairman told pressmen after he meeting that the "winding up resolution" could not be passed today on account of certain "technical and legal difficulties".

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Messrs BHARAMAL BHAJRANGLAL .... Defendants.

To,

Messrs. BHARAMAL BHAJRANGLAL,
the defendants above named.

TAKE NOTICE that the above named plaintiffs have filed a suit against you for the recovery of Rs. 2701-1-6 with costs of the suit and interest, being the amount of commission on various indents placed by you through the plaintiffs.

You are hereby summoned to appear in this Court on the 28th day of March, 1950, at Eleven O'clock (Standard Time) in the fore-noon, in person or by an Advocate able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions to answer the abovenamed plaintiffs, and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you must produce all your witnesses on that day, and you are hereby required to take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence and you will bring with you (or send by your Advocate) any document in your possession or power, containing evidence relating to the merits of the plaintiffs case or upon which you intend to rely in support of your case.

Dated this 14th day of March 1950.

(Sd.) P. A. DHRUVA
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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THE BANK will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 21st March, 1950, that day being a Public Holiday (JAMSHEDJI NAOROZ) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

C. W. MIDDLETON,
Secretary and Treasurer
Bombay, 11th March, 1950.
(7370)

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U. N. ADOPTS NEW KASHMIR PLAN

Step Towards Solution, Says President

MEDIATOR TO BE APPOINTED NEXT WEEK

LAKE SUCCESS, MARCH 15. (P.T.I.-REUTER).

THE FOUR-POWER RESOLUTION ON KASHMIR WAS TODAY PUT TO A VOTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AS A WHOLE, AND ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF EIGHT IN FAVOUR WITH NONE OPPOSED. INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA ABSTAINING. SOVIET UNION WAS NOT REPRESENTED AS SHE HAS BEEN BOYCOTTING THE SECURITY COUNCIL SINCE JANUARY 13.

Dr. La Fronte the present President of the Council said the adopted resolution was "one more concrete step towards the solution of the dispute between India and Pakistan.

The Security Council resumed debate on the Kashmir question under the Presidency of Homero La Fronte.

The President invited Sir Zafrullah Khan, of Pakistan, to sit at the Council table and also the Chairman and the members of the United Nations Kashmir Commission.

Voting on the resolution to appoint a mediator was eight in favour and none against, with India and Yugoslavia abstaining.

The Kashmir question has been before the United Nations for two years.

India today accepted the Council's decision with a few reservations about the method and timing of demilitarisation. These same reservations deadlocked the Kashmir Commission.

Security Council circles hoped that one man mediation may overcome these obstacles.

Sir Zafrullah Khan, declared that Pakistan accepted the joint resolution and would do all in its power to co-operate with the United Nations representative in the letter and spirit of the resolution.

The Pakistan delegate reaffirmed that the MacNaughton proposals, which formed the basis of the present joint resolution, made it "quite clear" that the northern areas should be administered by the local authorities under United Nations supervision.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

The Four-Power resolution was put to a vote, as a whole, and adopted by a vote of eight in favour with none opposed and Yugoslavia and India abstaining.

The Soviet Union was not represented. Russia has been boycotting the Security Council since January 13, in protest against continued representation of the Chinese Nationalists.

Dr. La Fronte then announced that he would convene the Council some time next week to appoint a mediator for Kashmir.

A CONCRETE STEP

Dr. La Fronte said the adopted resolution was "one more concrete step towards the solution of the dispute between India and Pakistan."

He cited the valuable help given by both India and Pakistan as well as the Kashmir Commission.

"The resolution adopted affords a solution which we believe to be an effective one and conducive to final settlement," he said.

The Mediator, Dr. La Fronte stated, "will no doubt be a man of the highest calibre, and will no doubt be welcomed by both parties and I hope they will go forward to a final solution.

The task of the Mediator will be to supervise demilitarisation in the disputed territory now occupied by four types of forces—Indian regular forces, aided by Kashmir State forces, on one side, and Pakistan regular forces and "Azad" (free) forces on the other side.

Names most frequently mentioned for the delicate task of mediation are Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, chosen earlier to supervise the Kashmir plebiscite, Dr. V. Evatt, former Australian Minister of External Affairs, Dr. Ralph Bunche, former acting-Mediator in Palestine, Mr. Eric Colban, former Principal Secretary of the Kashmir Commission.

The name of General Carlos Romulo, Philippines, has also been mentioned.

INDIA PLEASED

The Indian delegation to the United Nations was pleased at the result of the Security Council's three months deliberations of the Kashmir Commission's report and the decision to appoint a mediator with wide powers, writes D. P. Wagle, PTI Special Correspondent at UNO Headquarters.

G.B.S. Rly. Workers Vote For Strike

BARODA, March 15, (PTI): Ninety-two per cent of the G. B. S. Railway workers have decided in favour of strike, at a strike ballot taken recently, in support of their demand for Central Pay Commission's pay scales. The G. B. S. Railway merged with the B. B. and C. I. Railway 10 months ago.

Mr. B. R. Gokhale, President of the G. B. S. Railwaymen's Union will attend the conference of representatives of all State—managed railways which the Railway Minister has convened at Delhi on 23rd March. During his visit to Delhi Mr. Gokhale will also discuss the G. B. S. railwaymen's demand with Mr. Guruswami, Secretary of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation and others.

Bomb Explosion Kills Three

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 15: Local police officials are making thorough investigation in a 'bomb explosion' incident which resulted in the death of three children and serious injuries to their mother.

This explosion occurred on Marry Road in the Camp area when in the servants quarters of Wing Commander Jones, the deceased children were trying to open the bomb out of curiosity. Police are still unable to make out a story as to how this dangerous bomb came into the hands of these children.

Greater Representation On W.H.O. To Be Demanded

COLOMBO, March 14 (PTI-Reuter): Ceylon's Health Minister Mr. S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike is expected to press South East Asia's claim for greater representation in the Central Executive of the World Health Organisation at its Geneva Assembly in May.

Reliable sources said here today that Mr. Bandaranaike as Chairman of the W.H.O. South East Asian Regional Conference will urge this in a resolution to be moved in the Assembly. The resolution will request increased representation on the grounds that South East Asia Region has a "vast area with diversity of peoples and multiplicity of health problems".

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, India's Health Minister, in a letter to Mr. Bandaranaike has urged him to raise this question at the Geneva Assembly She has also requested him to sponsor Indonesia's application for membership of the World Health Organisation.

CHINESE REDS DETAIN U.S. SECRET AGENTS

HONG KONG, March 14, (PTI Reuter): Communists are detaining the captain and crew of the 50-ton American yacht Volador at the former French concession port of Kwangchow-Wan, South China, on suspicion of being "secret agents", according to a semi-official Communist source here

The yacht was reported missing two months ago on a voyage from Manila to Hong Kong

The source said that the Communists had removed the radio and engine from the Yacht, which was now anchored near Siying.

'Peace' Banners On Top Of British Parliament

LONDON, March 14 (PTI-Reuter):— Police were tonight trying to find who set two banners reading "Peace" and "Ban the Atom Bomb" floating above Britain's Parliament today.

The slogans, painted roughly in white on six foot square sheets of canvas, were visible to lunch time crowds in the streets outside Parliament.

Formation Of New Finnish Cabinet

HELSINKI March 14, (PTI-Reuter): President Paasikivi of Finland today instructed Dr Urho Kekkonen Agrarian speaker in the Finnish Parliament to form a new Government

He was one of M. Paasikivi's opponents in the presidential election last month.

Finland has been without a Government since March 1 when the old one resigned in accordance with tradition after President Paasikivi was sworn in for a new period of office

Shah Of Persia Returns To Karachi

KARACHI, March 14 (PTI-Reuter): His Imperial Majesty the Shah of Persia returned to Karachi this evening after his tour of East and West Pakistan

Saksena's Sympathiser Fast Sinking

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, March 15

Mr. Mukan Singh who is fasting with Shibbanlal Saksena in his village home is reported fast sinking. He lost consciousness today the 26th day of his fast.

DIFFICULT TIMES AHEAD

Biyani's Call To Congressmen

(From Our Correspondent).

JODHPUR, March 15.

Mr. Brijlal Biyani and Mr. Jainaram Vyas, accompanied by Satyadeo Vidhyalankar reached Ajmer yesterday and started a hurricane tour of Rajasthan by car.

Inaugurating the District Workers Conference at Pali, presided over by Mr. Vyas, Mr. Biyani said it was easier to address workers during the period of the war against the Britishers when every slogan could infuse life but the situation changed with the attainment of Swaraj.

We have now to think constructive, talk constructive and act constructive, he said and deal with everything in detail and with responsibility. He exhorted workers to be prepared to do all to enhance Congress prestige. Mr Biyani concluding said that the difficult times demand more courageous workers. He asked the workers to be brave.

Mr. Vyas in his presidential address said the Congress achieved freedom from foreign yoke on August 15, 1947 and enacted the Constitution on January 26, whereby every adult be his ruler or the ruled was put on an equal footing. The third stage of bringing Swaraja to all corners was to make serious attempts at establishment of Panchayats in villages, self-governments in districts and Legislatures in States with such powers as may make even the villager feel that he is now ruling.

The party arrived at Jodhpur at midnight.

Permit Rules To Pakistan Amended

NEW DELHI, March 15 (PTI): Holders of identity certificates cannot, during any single visit, stay in Pakistan for more than two months from the date of their entry into Pakistan unless the period of stay there is extended by the High Commissioner or the Deputy Commissioner for India in Pakistan.

An amendment to this effect made in the permit system rules framed under the Influx from Pakistan (Control) Act 1949 is published in the gazette extraordinary of March 10 issued yesterday.

Pipe Water For Villages

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

With a view to helping the development of village panchayats as useful agencies for local self-government and encouraging smaller local bodies to initiate and undertake uplift measures in rural areas, the Government of Bombay has decided, as a special measure, to subsidise, subject to funds being available, piped water supply schemes for villages, even though adequate drinking water facilities may exist there.

Hindi Shikshak Sanad Examination

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Following the adoption of Hindi as the National language of the Indian Republic, the Government of Bombay has decided to replace the Hindustani Shikshak Sanad Examination by the Hindi Shikshak Sanad Examination forthwith. The first Hindi Shikshak Sanad Examination will be held in September next. The exact dates of the Examination will be announced later.

GOVERNOR OPENS SHARADA MANDIR

(From Our Correspondent).

VILE PARLE, March 15.

In declaring open the new building of the Pupils Own School and Sharada Mandir at Khar last night, the Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh commended the work of the Khar Education Society in collecting no less than three lakhs of rupees for putting up the magnificent school building in healthy surroundings.

In particular, the Governor expressed his admiration at the scores of products of handicrafts by the children of the school which had been kept on display in the hall of the school. Such exhibitions organised by students for the benefit of their own class were of great educative value, he said.

Earlier, Mr. Jethalal Shah, the President of the Society welcoming the Governor in their midst, said that from small beginnings, the school had made rapid progress and with the amalgamation of the Pupils' Own School from Vile Parle, the present school had risen to be a full-fledged High School catering to the educational needs of Khar.

For want of accommodation, the classes were being held at five different places upto now but the new building would accommodate all their students. Mr. Shah thanked the various donors who helped the institution with their money and hoped that the balance of rupees two lakhs would soon be collected to complete their scheme.

SUGAR RACKET IN ALLAHABAD

(From Our Correspondent).

ALLAHABAD, March 15.

A sensational sugar racket was unearthed here by the police. It is said that 200 bags of sugar were obtained with special permits and passed on to the blackmarket. One person has been arrested and put in the lockup.

It is not clear how the offenders received the permits. On the one hand it is said the permits were forged. On the other it is feared that some of the sugar permit books were stolen by the offenders. It was brought to the notice of the Town Rationing Officer that sugar was being purchased on such permits and that it was being passed on to the blackmarket.

There is a third theory before the police that some of the rationing officials may also be involved in this affair. The entire matter is shrouded in mystery.

HINDU PROVINCIAL FLYING CLUB

49 Pilots Trained In One Year

LUCKNOW, March 14 (PTI): The Hindu Provincial Flying Club has trained 49 pilots in the last 11 months at its three branches at Lucknow, Kanpur and Allahabad, it is learnt.

Thirteen Indonesian cadets appeared for their "A—1" licences during the same period.

The Flying Club-sponsored by the U. P. Government has 45 aircraft for training purposes.

The number of pilots who received "A" licences was 30 and those who received "B" licences numbered 13.

The Pilot Instructors' licence was received by 6. The flying licences of 145 persons were renewed.

The Club expects to complete over 7,000 flying hours in 1949-50

BIHAR LOSES A STALWART STATESMAN

New Ideas Propounded In 'Varsity Convocation

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

PATNA, (By Mail).

HARDLY had two months passed after the appointment of Babu Rajendra Prasad as the first President of the Republic of India —which undoubtedly was a unique honour to this province that it has had one of the rudest shocks. On Monday last week, one of its most cherished sons of this province, Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha passed away.

Bihar as it is today owes most of its present position to the efforts of Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha. It was due to his efforts that Bihar was created as a separate province in 1912 and it was entirely due to his calibre and talents that the local High Court is regarded in such high esteem. The Sinha Library, one of the most advanced and up-to-date libraries in this country, is his creation.

ROYAL WELCOME

Bihar gave a royal welcome to Dr. Prasad when the latter came to this province in connection with the inauguration of the Convocation Week of the Patna University.

It was an open air convocation and the address was in Hindi. The Vice-Chancellor who also spoke in Hindi, explained the aims and the functions of the University. The central theme of his speech was that the University would devote most of its energies, as far as higher education was concerned, in the development of moral faculties.

He suggested the division of work between the various universities of this country, particularly those which lay in the Hindi speaking areas. He declared that one university should take up the work of producing text book and literature, another should tackle books on geography and history while still another could concern itself with books on science. This method of co-ordination should go a long way, he maintained to fulfil the demands of the educationists and the students at the university stage.

Bihar will soon have a new building for the Assembly Chamber. The present one is too small, especially after the inauguration of the new constitution. The new building is expected to cost Rs. 18,00,000 approximately. The present Legislature used to seat 182 members but the new one will have to provide seats for 500, this being the number of the members of the House under the new constitution.

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The Government are to be congratulated on their decision to provide increased educational facilities for the Scheduled Castes. The stipends have for the current year amount to Rs. 4.5 lakhs as against Rs. 68,700 last year. In this regard the Government have accepted the report of the Bihar Harijan Inquiry Committee which suggested the increasing of the stipends by six times.

The Government have approved of an irrigation scheme for the Hazaribag district. The scheme, if it materialises, would irrigate about 1,200 acres of cultivated land and yield about 171 tons of additional foodgrains.

Under the same scheme a high dam across river Gohi and two main channels for the irrigation of the neighbouring area at an estimated cost of Rs. 76,627 is proposed.

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CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Falgun Vad 13, 2006.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 26, 1369.
Parsi: Meher 15, 1319.
Sunrise: 6-47 a.m. Sunset: 6-49 p.m.
Highside: 10-58, 23-32.
Lowside: 06-17, 17-05.

Today's Engagements

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: Meeting, at 3-30 p.m.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHUVAN: Sir Eugen Millington-Drake, Vice-President of the Poetry Society, London will speak on "Poems of Australasia I have Liked" at Bhuwan premises, Chowpatty, 7 p.m.

BOMBAY PRESIDENCY WOMEN GRADUATES UNION: Annual General meeting Wilson College, 5-30 p.m., on Friday.

STONE LAYING: The Hon'ble the Chief Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, will lay the foundation stone of the Jehangir Art Gallery in the grounds of the Prince of Wales Museum on March 22 at 6-15 p.m.

CITY MERCHANT ON CHEATING CHARGE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Hooseinbhai Laliee and his sons, Yakub Abbas, Haroon, Aziz and Fasal were today committed to Sessions on charges of cheating, abetment and forgery.

Aziz Laliee and another accused were discharged for want of evidence.

The accused were partners in the firm of Messrs, Hooseinbhai Sons and Company, who were appointed purchase agents to the Supply and Food Department on behalf of the Government of India. The company was to supply large quantities of ghee to the Government.

It was stated that between December 1943 and August 1945, the accused, as partners of the firm, were parties to a criminal conspiracy to cheat the Government of India by making false declaration in the bills and invoices submitted by the Company to the Government of India in respect of purchases of ghee, and are stated to have dishonestly induced Government to pay various sums of money totalling Rs. 1,66,686.

Committing he accused to sessions Mr R. S. Parikh, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, said that a 'prima facie' case had been made against the accused.

The accused pleaded 'Not guilty' and stated that they would make a statement to the Sessions Court.

SACRAMENTAL WINE FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES

Regulations For Use After Prohibition

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

THE Government of Bombay has made the following arrangements for the manufacture and supply of sacramental wine and liquor for religious purposes for one year, from April 1, 1950:

The Roman Catholics who had so far been manufacturing sacramental wine at Andheri and Anand will be permitted to do so, subject of course, to the Bombay Mass Wine Rules 1943. They are, however, to manufacture sacramental wine at the same places as before under strict excise supervision, and should not manufacture it in excess of the maximum quantity that had been manufactured by them during any one of the past three years ended March 31, 1949. They should not also distribute sacramental wine in excess of the maximum quantity distributed by them in any one of the past three years ended March 31, 1949. The names of the priests to whom sacramental wine was distributed and their addresses should be submitted to the Commissioner of Excise and Prohibition.

IMPORTED WINE

In the case of those who had been using imported sacramental wine, the following provision has been made for making supplies available to them:—

If any quantity of sacramental wine imported from abroad has been used by the Roman Catholics in excess of the quantity manufactured in this State by them, that quantity will be allowed on permits from Government approved foreign liquor depots, which will obtain their requirements from the Trade and Import licensee or licensees authorised to import and store sacramental wine of the approved strength, namely 10 per cent to 12 per cent.

Protestants, Jews and Parsis, who were using imported sacramental wine and who are still desirous of using it, should also obtain their requirements on permits from Government approved liquor depots.

PRODUCE EVIDENCE

While applying for imported sacramental wine to the Collectors of the Districts, the Priests or persons concerned should produce evidence showing the quantity regularly obtained by them from any licensee or licensees during the past three years ended March 31, 1949.

No one, except the authorised Trade and Import licensee or licensees, will be permitted to import sacramental wine from abroad and no one desirous of using imported sacramental wine for religious purposes will be permitted to obtain his supply from any source other than the approved Government foreign liquor depots.

LIQUOR FOR PARSIS

The Parsis are the only community which uses liquor, in addition to wine, for sacramental and religious purposes. The liquor that is to be supplied to them for such purposes is to contain 10 to 12 per cent. of alcohol. They are to submit applications for liquor to the Collectors concerned. The applications must be duly endorsed by religious institutions like the Parsi Panchayat in Bombay.

The Collector will decide the quantity of liquor to be allowed in each case on merits, but in no case, he will grant more than one quart bottle, i.e., 26 ozs., per year per family.

The Sacramental Wine Committee in its findings has stated that "among the Parsis one to four ounces of wine or liquor are required for each occasion. On this basis, it would be possible to work out the approximate total quantity required for six occasions which are said to be binding by religious precepts." It may also be remembered that the use of such wine or liquor among Parsis is only symbolic. The 26 ounces, therefore, are considered more than sufficient for a family for a year to cover all the six religious occasions.

At present, the Nasik Distillery is manufacturing country liquor of the strength of 65° U.P. for supply to the Parsis for sacramental purposes from Government depots at Bombay, Ahmedabad, etc. In future, however, arrangements will be made to manufacture at this distillery country liquor containing 12 per cent. alcohol as recommended by the Sacramental Wine Committee and this liquor will be supplied to the Parsis through Government depots.

FIROZE J. DARUVALA

Returning Home After Training In U. S.

GLENDALE (California).— Pictured below is Firoze J. Daruvala (Venus Bldg., Lamington Cross Road, Grant Road, Bombay 7, India), who is planning to return to India soon to begin his career as a ground engineer.

Firoze J. Daruvala

He attended Cal-Aero Technical Institute in Glendale, California and graduated in December, 1948. After graduation and obtaining his Aircraft and Engine licenses, he gained valuable work experience at Grand Central Airport Co., Glendale, California, and Pacific Airmotive Corporation, Burbank, California, working on Douglas C-46's, North American AT-6's, and twin-engined Beechcraft.

He plans to leave the United States in March and to travel to India by boat via England, arriving in India in April.

Anti—Repression Day

BOMBAY, Wednesday (UPI): The All-India Students' Federation has called upon the students to observe March 18 as the "Anti-Repression Day" in response to the AITUC's appeal in this regard.

TODAY'S RADIO

THURSDAY, March 16

Air News From Delhi

English 8 a.m. 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujarati 8-45 a.m. 1 p.m. 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 pm. 6-10, 9-15; Kannada 7-45 a.m. 7-45 p.m.; Malayalam 7-30 a.m. 7-30 p.m.; Marathi 8-30 a.m. 12-50 p.m. 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m. 7-15 p.m Telugu 7 a.m. 1-50 p.m. 7 p.m.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 K Premdas, bhajans, 8-15 Shamla Mazgaonkar, bilawal, 12-45 p.m., Tantrakari, 12-50 K Premdas, bhajan, 1-10, Geet shruti, 1-40 Swing music, 4-20 School broadcast, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 5-20 Vasanti Kodikal, vocal, 5-30 For children, 6-10 A Khan, purva, kalyan dhun, 6-20 Shamla Mazgaonkar, shudh kalwan, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 Vasanti Kodikal, vocal, 7-30 Vimal Gupte, mandolin, 7-45 For industrial workers, 8-30 "On way to prosperity", G talk, 8-45 S S Thakar, G roopak on "Sabarmati", 9-15 Vimal Gupte, mandolin, 9-30 Film songs, 9-45 Sports review, 10-0 Egidio Verga, violocello, 10-30 Isobel Baillie and Kathleen Ferrier, 10-40 Liverpool Phil. Orch.

VARIATIONS 8-0 a.m. Vimal Gupte mandolin, 8-45 Savitri Karkal, M. songs 1-0 p.m. Savitri Karkal 1-30 Geet shruti, 1-50 For women, 5-0 Hindi by radio, 6-0 Vasanti Kodikal, vocal, 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial news, 8-15 Savitri Karkal, M songs, 9-0 Manikrao, bhajans 10-0 Shamla Mazgaonkar, kamod.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. As in Ahmedabad, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 B Jivabhai, bhajans, 8-15 As in Ahmedabad 8-30 K L Jadav, Hindol, 5-30 p.m. As in Ahmedabad, 5-45 Usha Dadpa, bhavgeet, 6-10 Hindi lessons, 6-30 For industrial workers, 7-0 As in Ahmedabad, 7-15 G talk on 'Samay Sathe', 7-30 Instr. trio, 7-45 B Jivabhai, bhajans, 8-0 Geet Gurjari, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 V Potkar Narayani, 8-45 As in Ahmedabad, 9-30 U F Khan.

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. S Gohil, sitar, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 M Dhru's party, Navratri garba, 8-15 Todi, 8-30 As in Baroda, 5-30 p.m. S Gohil, sitar, 5-45 As in Baroda 6-10 Hindi lessons 6-30 M Dhru's party, folksong, 6-45 S Gohil, sitar, 7-0 J. Mattoo, jhankar, 7-15 G talk on "samay sathe", 7-30 For industrial workers, 8-0 M Dhru's party, G geets, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Baroda 8-45 B Dave, kavya sangeet, 9-30 As in Baroda.

B. B. C.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE: 6-45 a.m. Mid-Week Talk. 7 Donald Peers. 7-30 Land and Livestock, 8 Frederick Grinke, 8-15 Sterling value, 8-45 BBC Symphony Orchestra, 10 Ian Stewart and His Orchestra, 10-30 Have a Go, 11 Sports Review, 11-15 Listeners' Choice, 11-45 Music From Grand Hotel, 12-45 p.m. Programme Parade, 1 Listeners' Choice, 1-30 The Hours of Darkness, 2-15 Merchant Navy Newsletter, 2-30 Symphony of Strings, 3 Boyd Neel Orchestra, 4-15 Science and Everyday Life. 4 The Kursaal Orchestra, 4-45 Sporting Record, 5-45 Three's Company, 6 Books to Read, 6-15 Theatre Talk, 6-45 Voice of the Violin, 7 The Women's Programme, 7-45 Tommy Handley, 8-45 Ray Martin, 9-15 Special Dispatch, 9-45 New Records, 10-30 Observation Post.

EASTERN SERVICE: 7-30 p.m. Tamilosai (a Tamil Magazine Programme), 8 Behnon Ki Khidmat Men. 8-15 Sunne Ki Baten, 8-30 Sabras.

THUNDERSHOWERS IN ASSAM

All-India Weather

POONA, March 15 (PTD): The following is the daily weather summary for Wednesday.

Thundershowers have been widespread in Assam, West Uttar Pradesh and Punjab (India) and occurred locally in sub-Himalayan West Bengal and East Uttar Pradesh. A few thundershowers were also reported from Bihar, North Rajasthan, Vindhya Pradesh, Hyderabad and Travancore-Cochin.

Both day and night temperatures were appreciably above normal over the region extending from Gujarat and Deccan (Desh) to West Bengal.

Forecast valid until Thursday evening: Thundershowers will be widespread in Assam and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and occur locally in Chota Nagpur, Madhya Bharat, Vindhya Pradesh and in the hills of the Punjab (1) and West Uttar Pradesh.

A few thundershowers are also likely in Gangetic West Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, the plains of Uttar Pradesh and of Punjab, in Hyderabad and the extreme south of the Peninsula.

The following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum tempratures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours with total rainfall from first December 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 8-30 a.m. IST on March 15, 1950.

Ahmedabad 94 70 0 0 minus 0.2 Bangalore 90 68 0 0.2 minus 0.9 Baroda 97 68 0 0 0.3 Bhavanagar 96 68 0 0 minus 0.3 Bhopal 97 66 02.1 plus 1.4 Bhuj 89 66 0 0 minus 0.4 BOMBAY 85 71 0 0 minus 0 Darjiling 56 45 T 2.5 minus 0.2 Gwalior 93 64 0 0.4 Hanamkonda 97 73 0 0.3 minus 1.1 Hyderabad (DN.) 99 69 0 1.6 minus 0 Indore 96 64 0 0.2 minus 0.5 Jaipur 87 60 0 0.1 minus 1.2 Jamshedpur 98 (98) 67 0 0.5- Jubbulpore 98 66 0 1.5 minus 0.7 Kanpur 88 62 0 1.0 minus 0.7 Kodaikanal 67 52 0 4.6 minus 6.3 Kurnool 101 72 0 0.1 minus 0.7 Mahabaleshwar 89 67 0 0 minus 0.6 Bangalore 88 77 0 0 minus 0.7 Mussoorie 56 40 0.3 6.6 P minus 2.9 Mysore 94 69 0 0.8 minus 0.1 Ootacamund 75 50 0 1.5 minus 2.4 Poona 103 65 0 0 minus 0.3 Rajkot 101 67 0 0 minus 0.2 Shillong 72 57 0 3.6 plus 1.1 Sholapur 102 70 0 0 0.1 minus 0.8 Simla 51 40 T 8.0 minus 0.1 Surat 93 70 0 0 minus 0.3.

CHARITY CINEMA SHOWS

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Two Charity Cinema Shows have been organised in aid of the Funds of the Victoria Memorial School for the Blind, Tardeo. One Show is due to be held on Tuesday March 21, it being an important Parsi Festival Day, viz., Jamshed-i-Navroz, at the Aurora Talkies, Matunga, King's Circle, when the famous M.G.M. Technicolour joyous musical "A Date with Judy" featuring Wallace Beery, Jane Powell, Carmen Miranda, Elizabeth Taylor and others will be screened.

The other show will be at the Minerva Talkies, Lamington Road, on Sunday, March 26, and the most popular and glorious Indian Picture "Ram Rajya" is tabled for exhibit. The timings for the two shows are 10 a.m S.T. for the Aurora and 9 a.m. S T for the Minerva Talkies.

Tickets can be had at the School Opp. the Central Studios or at the Theatres on the days of the shows.

Since the money realised from these very enjoyable shows is to go to the education and welfare of the blind inmates of this school, it is hoped that the charitiable public will give their generous support to the School to encourage it in its noble and laudable work of ameliorating the conditions of the blind.

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BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Inferior village servants have been disallowed by the Government of Bombay to stand for elections to local bodies other than village panchayats.

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The Pulse Of The City

HAPPY BROOD: Ostriches with a reputation for burying their heads in sand to hoodwink the passer-by, have written history in the Bombay Zoo, when contrary to what zoologists believe, they brought forth into this world a brood of little ostriches. The parents were made to forget their captive state by judicious camouflage which converted their arid prison into something which looked like their customary habitat. The young ones which have successfully lived through the days of the cold wave are now happy, and one hopes, contented.

NO HITCH: Every thing went well with the SSC examinations which started with the various centres in the city, Wednesday There were armed guards to those who went about distributing the question papers, and the 16,000 students had nothing to complain. Emergency arrangements made at Sydenham College for students who could not trace their numbers were availed of by two.

BON VOYAGE: Shanti and Ashok will bid farewell to Bombay soon Thanks to the generosity of an American shipping line which has offered free lift not only to the two babies but to their mahout as well (up and down) the Washington Zoo can receive our Prime Minister's present without any embarrassing expense. For the 22 days they are expected to spend on the sea, ample arrangements have been made with provision of food which the two are accustomed to.

THE SPELL WORKED: Ram Ramchandra Vedak seems to have had a queer experience. He was on his way home from the docks where he is working as an apprentice, when he was accosted by Madhav alias Raju Ramaya. Vedak followed him. It was a deserted place near Alexandra Dock. And he lost his purse, but there were only two annas in it. Now Madhav got angry and said that unless he got Rs. 20, harm would befall Vedak. Alarmed at the prospect he took the man to a friend and gave him the required amount. But that was only the beginning. Madhav threatened him further and got another fifty rupees. The threats continued, but Vedak approached a friend, who narrated the story to the police and had Madhav arrested. Vedak's explanation for these queer happenings was that he was under a spell cast by Madhav.

LORRY ON FOOTPATH: Negotiating a turn at the traffic island at Jacob Circle and at the same time trying to overtake another vehicle, Gurupa Krishna lost control of the lorry he was driving and the vehicle mounted the footpath. Two persons were injured, one fatally and the other seriously. The unfortunate man who lost his life has not yet been identified.

RELEASED: Mr. G. Sundaram, President of the Petroleum Workers' Union and four other office-bearers of the Union were released from prison, Wednesday morning.

NO STRIKE: The threatened strike in the Taj and Green hotels did not come off, as some of the grievances of the workers, now under retrenchment, stand a chance of being redressed.

NEW DEVICE: The 16,000 sewers in the city which have to be opened up and cleaned before the monsoon every year might no longer prove a noxious problem to the city sweepers. A mechanical device will soon be put in use.

FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Charity Show On April 11

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Following their initial success with "The Shop at Sly Corner", the British Women's Association are now embarking upon a more ambitious production. They will present "The Man Who Came To Dinner" at St. Xavier's Hall on April 11, 12, 13 and 14, for the benefit of local charities—including the Society for the Rehabilitation of Disabled and Crippled Children.

This satirical comedy is based upon the fabulous character of the late Alexander Woollcott; celebrated American playwright, essayist, critic, raconteur, wit and radio idol—and megalomaniac. It was written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, who at one time was assistant to Woollcott on the "New York Times", and provides an epicurean feast of sparkling humour and trenchant wit. Woollcott himself commented: "The thing's a terrible insult and I've decided to swallow it"

Mr. Donald McGill, an experienced producer, has succeeded in assembling a talented cast of thirty-six, among whom Roy Voxall, in the leading part, shows every promise of emulating his distinguished predecessors on screen and stage—Monty Woolley and Robert Morley.

Patricia Underhill, a newcomer to Bombay, plays the smart secretary; and Sam Elliot, who recently sang the Lord Chancellor in "Iolanthe", plays the wool-gathering country doctor. Bill Linford and Betty Nicholson, who play the sorely-tried Host and Hostess have appeared in Bombay before—the former only recently with The Independent Players in "Charlie's Aunt". Pearle Harford and Susan de Mierre each contribute delightful character sketches: while Shirley Coates, as the vivacious actress, and Elsie Bell, as the timid nurse, both show great ability.

Bombay playgoers are promised an enchanting treat and can look forward to a vital and stimulating entertainment. Seats—at Rs. 5-4 and Rs 3-8 can now be booked at S. Rose & Co., 27, Rampart Row, Fort.

Prizes For Konkani Books

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Two cash prizes of Rupees One Hundred each are to be awarded by the IV Konkani Conference for two of the best books composed in Konkani on any subject, either independently or by way of translation, and published between the 1st January 1949 and the 31st March 1950.

Another cash prize of Rupee Fifty given by Mrs. Pushparani R. Kamat is to be awarded for the best book in Konkani written in the Devnagari Script only. Authors of Konkani books intending to compete for the above prizes should send 3 copies of their books to the Konkani Bhasha Mandal, 2-B Ramchandra Building, Bombay 4 by the 10th April 1950.

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KASHMIR—THE NEXT STAGE

The formula of acceptance of the four-power resolution on the Kashmir dispute which the Indian Government has devised, is not very clear. In the first place, the Indian acceptance is "subject to its objections to the McNaughton proposals." The four-power resolution consists of two parts: The first calls upon the governments of India and Pakistan to implement within five months a programme of demilitarisation based on the principles of General MacNaughton's proposal "or of such modifications of those principles as may be mutually agreed on"; the second contains the decision to appoint a mediator whose main charge is to supervise the implementing of the programme of de-militarisation and to interpret the agreements reached by the parties for demilitarisation. The U.N. representative is also placed in the shoes of the U.N. Commission which continues for another month and he is also authorised to make any suggestions which are likely to contribute to the expeditious solution of the dispute. In his clarification, Sir Terence Shone declared that the U. N. representative was free if he thought that the objective of the plebiscite required it, to suggest a change in the administrative authority in the northern a.ea and even, if he found the objective was impracticable, to recommend other methods than plebiscite to settle the dispute. The mediator is asked to "arrange at the appropriate stage of demilitarisation for the assumption by the Plebiscite Administrator of the functions assigned to the latter" The McNaughton plan itself required that the U.N. representative should be appointed by the Secretary-General of the U. N. "in agreement with the two Governments." The four-power resolution, therefore, is based on the McNaughton proposals and, if those proposals are objected to, the resolution is equally unacceptable.

Secondly, reliance has been placed on the phrase "without prejudice to their rights or claims and with due regard to the requirements of law and order" which qualifies the Security Council's calling the two Governments to prepare and execute a programme of demilitarisation. This phrase means very little. If anything it suggests that the claims and the requirements of Law and Order should not be allowed to obstruct an agreed programme of demilitarisation or delay its being formed within five months. The satisfaction felt by "observers" at Lake Success is misplaced. It might wisely have been tempered by the thought that the resolution would not have been advanced, if it did not give the mediator a better grip of the situation than the U. N. Commission has had, and by the appreciation that as India's and Pakistan's past insistence on their rights or claims has impeded progress so far it is the intention of the Security Council to cut through them. This intention will be carried through by exploiting two statements, one in McNaughton's proposals and the other in the joint resolution which have so far received little attention: Among the principal consideration before the Security Council which General McNaughton places is that of avoiding "unprofitable discussion of disputed issues of the past" and the resolution "calls upon the two Governments to take all possible measures to ensure the creation and maintenance of an atmosphere favourable to the promotion of further negotiations". Deftly handled, these two can be used to stop the Indian Government from raising any more the question of the legality of Pakistan's intrusion in Kashmir affairs. There is, moreover, one point on which the McNaughton scheme is an improvement on the resolution; it is where the administration of the northern areas are concerned. The McNaughton proposals visualise administration by the local authorities subject to U. N. supervision, and they further require the Pakistan Government to undertake to keep the senior United Nations Military Observer informed and to satisfy him that the arrangements to check tribal incursions into Kashmir are adequate, and to assure the Government of India unconditionally that they will deal effectively within their own borders with any possibility of tribal incursions. This is absent in the joint resolution, unless it is read in the context of the McNaughton proposals. The Government of India's present attitude is liable to be interpreted as a rejection of the McNaughton scheme and an acceptance of the joint resolution which is very much more satisfying to Pakistan. Mr. B. N. Rau, in view of Sir Terence Shone's silence on this point in his lengthly clarification, should have stressed the difference and affirmed the McNaughton proposals on this point. We are all for "economy of words" but considering that India had omitted previously to draw attention to this vital matter, this "economy" will result in greater confusion.

A Humbug Exposed

The other day the British High Commissioner in Bechuanaland summoned at Kgotla, a gathering of Bamangwato tribal headmen to announce the British Government's decision to exile Seretse Khama for five years. The response of the headmen was — complete boycott of the Kgotla. Nothing could be a more clear and decisive proof of the unanimity with which men of the Bamangwato tribe have rejected the British decision and supported their chief-designate, Seretse Khama. Nothing could more demonstrably expose the humbug of the British excuse that the action against Seretse was taken because of differences among Bamangwato tribesmen over the rival claims of Seretse and his uncle. There turned up just no one, not a single individual, to support the claims of the uncle. This is a fact about his Kgotla which even Sir Evelyn Baring, the High Commissioner, has not denied. Yet inspite of the complete failure of his Kgotla, Sir Evelyn Baring claimed that Seretse and his uncle were exiled in order to stop the development of "one of the worst dynastic feuds ever seen."

The coolness with which Sir Evelyn Baring insists on something which has been proved to be entirely non-existent is so amazing that it must stagger any normal human being. But it gives a clue to the motives and the mentality of the British authorities. They cannot reconcile themselves to the marriage of Seretse with a white woman and they will do anything—anything—to ensure that white prestige, as they and their South African friends understand it, is not lowered in Bechuanaland and in South Africa. After this amazing performance of Sir Evelyn and the deliberate injustice to Seretse Khama, who can possibly doubt the truth of the accusation by Bamangwato headmen that the British District Commisioner was "treating us in a high-handed manner" and "acting as chief of the tribe in the last couple of weeks"? No decent minded and impartial person in the world will, in the circumstances, fail to sympathise with the Bamangwato people or to concede justification to their resolve not to pay taxes until Seretse is brought home from London.

Experts On Experts

The discussion on the budget grants to the Works, Mines and Power Ministry, revolved on the utility of experts and the debate revealed that while India might not have an abundance of experts, she has at least some "experts" who are willing and eager to pass an opinion on experts, indigenous as well as foreign. Criticising the composition of the Damodar Valley Corporation, Mr. B. Shiva Rao said that "the Corporation consists of three members with an I. C. S. officer of considerable experience of administration with very little knowledge of irrigation projects as the chairman, and the former Cultural Attache in the Moscow Embassy as financial adviser." The nominee of Bengal, Mr. Rao added, was a chemist who did splendid work on the side of food research and Bihar's nominee is a practising lawyer. Now the layman is baffled by the opinion of this expert on experts. After all, it is an expert who is wanted, and what harm is there if he is an expert on chemistry? The Damodar Valley Corporation is planned on the lines of the all-inclusive TVA, and if it is going to be as large as that, it would have use for not only one chemist but many. And a lawyer is never without his uses, especially when more than one province is involved. And one can well imagine how useful a man who has been connected with the Moscow Embassy will prove as a financial adviser. Was it not the Moscow Embassy which found out that it was cheaper to buy furniture in Stockholm and trasport it to Moscow than buy it in Moscow itself?

Thought For The Day

A perfect passive resister has to be almost, if not entirely, a perfect man.

—MAHATMA GANDHI.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

Senator George W. Malone, Nevada Republican, made headlines with the charge that Sweden had secured proximity fuses from the United States and resold them to Russia.

The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs replied that Sweden could scarcely have passed such fuses along to the Soviet Union, for the simple reason that it had never received any.

—WORLDOVER PRESS.

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Making the Kashmir statement on behalf of the Government of India, Mr. B. N. Rau told the Security Council, "we have arrived at a stage of the debate when it is necessary to exercise the greatest self-restraint and economy of words if the settlement of this problem is to go forward."

The implied snub would have slipped from the skin of those who are now experts in twisting, distorting and otherwise ignoring India's factual statements.

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According to our Calcutta correspondent, the communists had a very interesting meeting last week somewhere in Hughly. It was a five-day affair and in the course of the conference they passed resolutions denouncing communalism and advocating the union of the two Bengals.

After having worked loudly, enthusiastically and effectively for the partition of the entire country! We shan't dilate further on the irony of it.

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According to a New Delhi report, a number of prominent Muslim leaders, including Nawab Mohammad Ismail Khan, Nawab of Chhatari, etc., intend to go to Karachi shortly to discuss the present communal tension in both the countries.

We hope they are lucky enough not to be refused by Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan a discussion on the ground that it will serve no useful purpose.

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Mentioning that requests to that effect had been made by Mr. Fazlul Haq and others, a Dacca report says that Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's Prime Minister, is expected to visit Dacca on March 17.

What really is fetching him is the two visits of India's Prime Minister to West Bengal.

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Bamangwato tribesmen completely boycotted the "Kgotla" (tribal gathering) called by the British High Commissioner to tell them officially that Seretse Khama, their chieftain-designate has been exiled for five years.

The official response of the High Commissioner, we learn, was that the Kgotla, the tribal gathering which didn't gather any tribesmen "will go on". Which, of course, is a tribute to that traditional resourcefulness and genius which made Imperial Britain so Imperially great.

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Explaining the British decision against Seretse, the High Commissioner has solemnly urged that Government had to stop the development of what might have become "one of the worst dynastic feuds (between supporters of Seretse and of his uncle) ever seen."

What Is Communism?

Background To The Red Terror

(By A. STUDENT OF POLITICS)

Soviet communism functions in strict seclusion, but occasionally the outside world gets glimpses of life within Russia by chinks in the closed doors. The following article, the first of a series, analyses the doctrine and myth of Russian communism.

WHAT is Communism? To many who have never studied it in details, it is more or less of a mystery.

It is often argued that Communist dictatorship, as practised in Eastern Europe, would never be "acclimatised" in other countries, because it is alien to the spirit of the people, who would never submit to it. This contention does not go to the root of the matter.

Communism does not come to a country because the people invite it: it is imposed on the people, against their will, by a determined group of unscrupulous men. To defeat this menace, it is not enough to dislike Communism. It must be understood, so that effective measures may be taken to resist it.

IMAGINARY PICTURE

The true conditions of life in Communist countries must be known, so that people will not be deceived by the propaganda which paints an attractive but imaginary picture of the "Soviet paradise". Statesmen and intellectuals must study Communist methods of penetration, so that they will know how to take effective measures against it.

Unless these facts are fully realised, the agents of the Kremlin, under orders from Moscow, and working in secrecy, may succeed in suddenly taking possession of a country before the people and the Government detect their plan. Although it is in reality a threat of domination by a foreign power, that power is well disguised. When the moment comes for it to strike, its attack will appear as an internal revolution. A small body, posing as patriots but secretly working for a foreign power, will attempt to seize control of the country, and the real power behind this group may not be perceived until it is too late.

INSTRUMENT OF POWER

Casual observers throughout the world have many misconceptions regarding international Communism. A large part of these misconceptions arise from the deliberate falsehoods in Communist propaganda.

In truth, Communism today is not a social or political theory. It is an instrument of power for controlling people and nations.

Communism claims to be the "dictatorship of the proletariat". In fact, it is not the dictatorship of the proletariat, but the dictatorship of a handful of men. In principle, it is scarcely distinguishable from Hitlerism.

The propaganda of Communism appeals to discontented classes and peoples the world over. The Communist state claims to be a "classless society". But eye-witness accounts from persons who have lived long in Russia show that its workers and peasants are more brutally exploited by their masters than anywhere else in the world. Their standard of living is appallingly low, and they are forced to work long hours and under severe conditions in order to maintain even a marginal existence.

PRIVILEGED CLASS

In Russia today there is a small privileged class. Its power, wealth, and resources, in comparison with the position of the unhappy masses, presents a striking contrast. This privileged class consists of the bureaucrats and the high-ranking numbers of the Communist Party.

The situation may appeal to self-seeking politicians in other countries, who foresee that by helping the Communists to gain control they may find themselves in a similar privileged position. But this hope is largely illusory. A politician in a smaller country which the Communists are trying to penetrate may, by betraying his country to them, rise to a position of apparent power in the puppet government which will be installed. But how will this profit him? The privileged classes in Communist countries—although they enjoy wealth and privilege far beyond that of the masses—live in constant fear. The secret police are everywhere. The slightest slip, the least word of criticism or discontent, may be punished by assassination or sudden removal to a concentration camp for life.

KRAVCHENKO'S EVIDENCE

In Communist countries, even the highest officials are subjected to constant surveillance by secret agents. It is this fact that has inspired a number of them to escape from the "Soviet paradise" and seek refuge in the democratic countries.

This fact is well illustrated in Victor Kravchenko's book "I Chose Freedom".

Kravchenko was a highly-placed Soviet official; but despite the unusual privileges he possessed, he found life intolerable because of the total lack of liberty, and the constant terrorism to which he was subjected by the secret police. Therefore when he became a member of the Soviet Purchasing Commission in the United States, and was able to escape, he did so.

He completely renounced his adherence to Communism, and in his book he has exposed many of the secrets of the Soviet regime. But only a tiny percentage of Communist officials are ever able to escape. Even if they succeed in doing so, they live in constant fear of assassination by Communist secret agents.

DISILLUSIONMENT

Another case is that of an English woman, Freda Utley. She believed in Socialism and in equality of the people. She studied Communism in theory and believed that in its doctrine lay the salvation of the world. She became a Communist and marri-

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Ending And Not Mending

It has been often pointed out in these columns that forward business in bullion has no place in this country when there are no imports of either gold or silver. Now the Finance Minister Dr. John Matthai has informed the Parliament that the question of restricting speculative activity in bullion is under Government's consideration. He refused to disclose further information regarding price control. Moreover, his reply about checking speculative activity is not clear as he referred only to restriction's on activity and not to its entire stoppage. Under the new constitution, the Central Government possesses powers to control markets and if the Government is anxious to take a step in the right direction, it must impose a ban on all forward business all over the country. It is a fact that professional operators have fully exploited the facility of forward business for their personal gains. It was easy to push up prices as there were no imports, the operators took very little risks Moreover these operators used to corner upcountry markets because of their huge financial resources. Thus unless the Government brings all speculative activity to an end, price control will not work with any success. There is no reliable information as to how much stock of silver is lying with the Government from the American Lease-Lend supplies. It is believed to be about 60 to 80 thousand bars and if this stock is made available to bonafide consumers in small pieces, price control will have the desired effect. Some months back the Reserve Bank sold about 20 thousand bars of Hyderabad Silver, but professional manipulators absorbed the entire stock through tenders in a declining market. The sales were stopped, and silver prices again shot up with the result that, these operators had the chance of making huge profits on these Bank sales. If the Government has any desire to bring the prices of precious metals to the world level, sufficient safeguards will be necessary to make the price control effective by banning all forward trading in Bullion in this country and meeting the demand of bonafide consumers by supplying small bars of 10, 20, 50 and 100 tolas through banks and post offices.

Collective Fines

Strong measures are no doubt necessary to quell riots which are a disgrace to the fair name of Bombay, and the Home Minister will be justified in making full use of the rigorous provisions of the Public Security Act. It is said that several arrests have been made, and among the arrested are the professional bad characters who start riots for their personal ends and merely exploit the aroused feelings of the people who are agitated by the events in East Bengal. All these steps are necessary even if they mean some slight inconvenience to the generality of people who even in the days of worst riots are more sinned against than sinning. But it is to be doubted whether the system of imposing collective fines is justifiable. In the present instance, a collective fine of Rs. 10,000 was imposed on the inmates of a building ostensibly because they refused to co-operate with the police in apprehending a man who was involved in a stabbing outrage, and who is said to have escaped into the building. It is difficult to find out what really happened owing to the paucity of information, but it is reasonable to infer that the police might have asked some people in the building to tell them where the individual in question was, and many might probably have replied that they did not know. The reply might have exasperated the police but in a majority of cases, would have been the truth. But the police, evidently, were not exactly in a mood to weigh the right and wrongs of the question and they have rushed to the conclusion that the people of the building as a whole were shielding the wrong-doer, and from that to the imposition of the collective fine was a logical step in their eyes. But one should not forget that collective fines inflict injury more on the innocent, to whom, apart from the pecuniary loss involved, it is humiliating to pay a punitive fine, than on the wrong-doers who must chuckle within themselves that others too are paying for their guilt. It is a strange commentary on the efficiency of the police that they were not able to trace an assailant when he had sought shelter in a building. We have heard of police forces combing whole towns, and no doubt the Police Commissioner, who has recently returned from a study-tour of U.S. and America, knows how they do it. He might usefully utilise his experience in tracking down the assailants, and the Government might as well spare the poor tenants whose only fault is that they live in a building where a criminal has successfully eluded the police. Collective fines have a faint resemblance to the practice of taking hostages, and the sooner they are done away with, the better. And it should be remembered that when the British Government imposed collective fines in the August disturbances, there were loud protests from leaders who are now responsible for the governance of the country.

Situation In N. Africa

Abd-el-Krim, the Riff leader, who, having escaped from French custody after nearly two decades of detention in an Indian Ocean island, now lives in exile in Cairo, has been giving an American correspondent some information about the situation in Morocco, Algeria and Tunis. According to him the twenty five lakh inhabitants of North Africa are prepared to revolt unless they receive independence. The assertion may be exaggerated if it implies that the population of Morocco, Algeria and Tunis is all set for an immediate flare-up. But it is only too true in the sense that the whole of North Africa is seething with discontent against the conditions of political and economic existence under the Imperialist domination of France and Spain. It wants freedom from that domination. The North African Arab aspiration to freedom from French and Spanish rule is a fact. And that aspiration cannot now be suppressed as in the old days. A revolt may not break out immediately but it is inevitable sooner or later, indeed, sooner than latter. Nor, is the Riff chief wrong when he says that, whatever the objections to communism and Soviet ideology, the people will accept support "from any quarter including Moscow", to achieve their independence from France and Spain. It would be psychologically natural for them to do so because imperialist domination under which they exist as subjects of another people becomes intolerabl eafter a certain stage. Communism is bound to take advantage of the situation if the Arabs continue to be frustrated. And the remedy against the Communist menace to North Africa is in the hands of the French and the Spaniards themselves. Abd-el-Krim has quite rightly pointed to the developments in Indo-China as a warning against imperialist short-sightedness.

INDIA WAS NEVER SO UNITED

Mysore Rajpramukh's Address

BANGALORE, March 15 (PTI): The Rajpramukh of Mysore in his address to the first session of the State Legislature today welcomed the fusion of 500 and odd Indian States and paid tributes to the great leaders and the people of India on this development.

He said: "Never before in the history of India was the country so consolidated and united as we find it at present. The map of India has been re-drawn and 500 and odd Indian States have been reorganised and fused into one political entity with the rest of India. I desire to pay my warm tribute to the great leaders and the people of India who have made this historic and happy development possible

The Rajpramukh who was addressing the Budget session of the Legislature said his government had kept in view the vital aspect of sound budgeting and had kept normal expenditure within the limits of normal revenue.

A three-year programme for making the State self-sufficient in food had been drawn up in consultation with the Government of India. The next two years would witness dynamic efforts to implement the scheme successfully he said.

OATH-TAKING

A point of order whether members of the Mysore Legislative Assembly should take the oath of allegiance as nominated or elected members as the House was constituted by converting the former Mysore Constituent Assembly by a royal proclamation, was raised by Mr. Mohammed Imam, Leader of the Opposition.

The Speaker, in giving his ruling said that the oath-taking should be uniform and some could not take the oath as nominated members and others as elected members. He pointed out that the Mysore Constituent Assembly had been converted into the Legislative Assembly by the Rajpramukh and as such the members were not nominated. Hence members should take the oath of allegiance in the prescribed manner as elected members of the House.

OLDEST EXISTING COURT

Centenary Celeberations

CALCUTTA, March 15 (PTI): Dr. Kailash Nath Katju, Governor of West Bengal, inaugurated the centenary celebration of the Calcutta Small Causes Court, the oldest existing court in India.

Established by a Royal Charter in 1753, as a court of request for "a determination of civil suits of small pecuniary amounts," it was merged in the Presidency Small Causes Court in 1850.

Inaugurating the day long celebrations, Dr. Katju listed two essential contributions that the courts should make in the maintenance of law and order. They should, he said, be dispassionate and unbiassed and their working should be as speedy as possible. Justice delayed was justice denied and "we must see that the courts make their contributions in the maintenance of law and order by a proper administration of justice," he added.

Elections To Andhra Congress Committee

VIJAYAWADA, March 15 (PTD):—Mr. Kala Venkata Rao, General Secretary of the Congress, told pressmen here that the All-India Congress Committee would receive a deputation of Andhra Congressmen on March 18 at Delhi to decide whether elections to Andhra Congress Committees should be under the auspices of the A.I.C.C. or not.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Communalism In The South

The situation in South India which was so far free from Communal passion is now being vitiated by the campaigns of Communalists. In the Union of Travancore and Cochin, Communalism is rising its head in its ugly forms. This is bound to disturb the internal tranquility of the State.

We should not revive the old days of Aurangazeb and Allaudin, days of murder and atrocities committed in the name of religion. The very idea of Theocracy is not only mediaeval but repulsive The Christian Community in Travancore and Cochin is progressive in many respects. It has made a noble and notable contribution to the State in the advance of education and Industrial development and has been in the vanguard of the struggle for Responsible Government. The move to eliminate that minority community from the land, will be a great folly and a greater failure

—N. SREEDHARAN.

Wanted: More Efficiency

Government is supposed to commandeer all the foodgrains grown in the country save only what is left to the growers for their own and their dependents' consumption. But if it does that, where do the hoarders and profiteers get their supplies? The inference is that Government is being ill-served by its procurement staff. If by improving the service and taking any other measures that appear to be necessary, procurement is maximised, much larger quantities of foodgrains will be available for distribution, and the poor and middle classes shall have enough to eat. The additional expenditure incurred for bringing this about can be met by maintaining the present prices. There will be a much larger turnover, which will also help to meet it.

A further inference that the facts suggest is that the Governments of the areas which yield crops in excess of the needs of their own subjects are not as vigilant as they should be in exacting full levy in the interest of the whole country, and the hoarders and profiteers in the deficit areas are getting some of their supplies from over the borders. But this is a matter for the Central Government to deal with.

Surat. —P. J. TALEYARKHAN.

SUGAR PRODUCTION AND STOCKS

NEW DELHI, March 15.

The opening stock, production, despatches and the closing stock of sugar in respect of central sugar factories in the Indian Republic during the fortnight ending February 15, 1950 were 8,976,000 maunds, 3,753,000 maunds, 1,214,000 maunds and 11,515,000 maunds respectively, reports the Director, Indian Institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur, on the basis of returns received under Sugar Production Rules, 1935.

The figures for the corresponding fortnight of the previous season were 8,539,000 maunds, 3,151,000 maunds 1,481,000 maunds and 10,209,000 maunds respectively.

Figures for the current fortnight relate to 131 factories representing 96.07 per cent of the total cane crushing while the figures of the previous year relate to 114 factories representing 85.7 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity.

The toal figures for the production and despatches of sugar since November 1, 1949, as ereported to be 16,377,000 maunds, and 5,716,000 maunds respectively as against the corresponding figures of 12,900,000 maunds and 7,921,000 maunds during the previous season

Production of sugar for the season 1949-50 prior to November, 1949, amout to 91,000 maunds.

PAKISTAN FOLLOWING A HOSTILE POLICY

Assam Premier Sums Up

SHILLONG, March 15. (PTI).

MR. Gopinath Bardoloi, Chief Minister of Assam told the Legislative Assembly yesterday evening that Pakistan seemed to be pursuing a policy "increasingly and pronouncedly hostile to Assam and India.

The Chief Minister was winding up the debate on a motion earlier by Mr. Purna Chandra Sarma, on the Governor's address.

Mr. Bardoloi said: "There is no Constitution as yet in Pakistan to indicate to the people of minority communities what rights and position they will have under the Constitution.

"Its being an Islamic State, coupled with the type of internal administration which is reported to be functioning there, only make members of minority communities more nervous. Apart from non-observance of inter-Dominion agreements, there seems to be a settled policy of exerting economic and political pressure on areas adjoining East Pakistan by every means in their power.

INTERFERENCE

The Chief Minister cited several instances when Eastern Pakistan Government interfered in customs matters on border tracts of the Lushai Hills and Chittagong in spite of inter-Dominion agreements. Along the Khasi Hills border, there had been a series of incidents at various points in which Pakistanis had adopted various types of harassment against tribal and hill people.

Mr. Bardoloi said that there were many Muslims on either side of a greater part of the Goalpara-Rangpur border. Here the Pakistan Government arrested Assam Government employees who happened to be near the Pakistan side through mistake. Protests and demand for joint enquiries, provided for in the inter-Dominion agreements, were either not answered by Pakistan or no relief was offered or ensured, Mr. Bardoloi said.

Referring to conditions in Pakistan, the Chief Minister said that the Hindu middle classes had been squeezed out of all fields of useful employment whether under Government or other gainful professions. Their economic future was dark. The Pakistan leaders and administrators had made the lives of Hindus unhappy and unsafe. The Hindus were disillusioned and some of them had migrated to India.

Meanwhile Pakistani politicians took to their own ways both inside Pakistan and on the borders. They went on sending Muslims to the interior of Assam, he added. These Muslims found shelter with the older immigrant settlers and the increased number pressed on the subsistence of the indigenous population.

NO LOCAL CAUSE

Detailing the recent happenings in Assam the Chief Minister said that in every single case there was no local cause whatsoever for the incidents. He disclosed that the Government proposed to inquire into the genesis of the trouble and to take action against those who might have been guilty of actions of omission and commission. About a thousand men had so far been arrested in this connection.

The Chief Minister warned that those of the Muslims in Assam who imagined that they could live otherwise than by being absolutely loyal, to say the least were unrealistic. "No power outside India can help them to do so. It would be well therefore if they cease to have connections with Pakistan politicians and their agents in the garb of mullas and maulanas," he said.

Working Of 'Prefabs' Factory Criticised

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thing which increases the demand on our foreign exchange resources is definitely unpatriotic. Even in the years of British rule, India was self-sufficient in regard to roofing material. Why should Free India import aluminium roofing material from abroad?"

Mr. Kamath said that the service charges of the consulting firm had been raised from 10,000 pounds to 47,800 pounds. What was the explanation for this? Government should refuse to pay the firm anything more than was provided for in the original estimate.

PROGRESS

"Seeing the progress so far," said Mr. Kamath, "I am not much optimistic about the future. It must be obvious to the meanest intelligence that within the period already taken up for the erection of this factory and the money spent on it, thousands of houses could have been built much cheaper for the benefit of displaced persons and others who are in dire need of them. The credulity of the Minister of Health with regard to the advice given by the so-called foreign experts is tragic and pathetic.

"Their impractical schemes have already led the Government into playing ducks and drakes with the nation's finances. I am confident that so far as housing at any rate is concerned, we have more than enough talent in this country to meet the needs of our millions. The Managing Director of our housing factory has so misguided and bungled the affairs of the factory that his services must be terminated.

"Further, I demand an immediate enquiry by an expert committee, in which at least two members of this House should be included, into the wasteful extravagance of the housing factory as well as into the cause of the inordinate delay in production, the breach of contract by the consulting firm and the patent affair. I do hope for an improvement in the affairs of the factory, but I must also warn the House that we should be prepared for the ignominious failure of this project."

AMALGAMATION

Sardar Bhopinder Singh Man (Punjab) suggested amalgamation of the Health, Education and Agriculture Ministries under one Minister. Judging from the activities of the Ministry, and "the hackneyed answers" given on the floor of the House, Mr. Man said, he got the impression that "the Ministry is being retained more as an ornament to the Central Government than for serving any useful purpose" (cheers). The Health Ministry had not been able to do anything in regard to water supply in Delhi and it did not seem to care for the amenities of the people.

Mr. Frank Anthony (Madhya Pradesh) asked the Ministry to take immediate steps to deal with the problem of adulteration of foodstuffs and cooking media.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, replying to the ninety-minute debate, dealt with the criticisms of the Ministry in respect of pre-fabricated house factory, the "failure of the Ministry to prevent adulteration of food-articles and edible articles and inadequacy of support to the indigenous systems of medicines in India."

Maintaining that she had already impressed upon the State Governments the desirability of enforcing legislation in the matter of adulteration as vigorously as possible, the Health Minister said that she proposed to have the entire field of existing laws reviewed with a view to promoting an all-India legislation as quickly as possible.

Contending that the "tremendous amount of criticisms" about the "prefabricated housing factory" were based on "incomplete knowledge and lack of appreciation of the position," Rajkumari Amrit Kaur said that the factory was contemplated as one of the means of solving the housing problems. Prefabricated houses had been used with great success in other countries and experts did not see why it should not be used with equal success here. She said: "I believe when this factory produces houses, it will be able to produce something which is worthwhile."

MR. KAMATH: "Something, but not house."

Regretting the delay in the production, the Health Minister asked the House "to wait and pause, before passing judgment on this experiment until they have seen the result."

MEDICAL SYSTEMS

Dealing with the question of encouragement of indigenous systems of medicines, the Health Minister said that any form of medical relief which could not stand the test of scientific scrutiny should be banned so that quackery that existed in the country today might be banished. At the same time, the Government were anxious to give impetus to the Ayurvedic and Unani Systems of medicine and a provision had been made for Rs. two lakhs for the purpose of setting up a research institute. A committee was proposed to be set up to report shortly on the curriculum of the future practitioners in those systems of medicines and where and how the research institutes could be started quickly. The Government also would try to manufacture with skill and efficiency Indian drugs.

EDUCATION

The House next took up consideration of the demands for grants for the Ministry of Education.

Shrimati Durgabai (Madras) initiating the debate, asked the Education Minister not to "worry too much about lack of finances but to enlist popular support" for spreading education among the masses. "There was a network of educational institutions in the country started by private initiative which should be given encouragement and support. "Human power," she said, "is more important than money power." If a band of selfless and devoted workers is raised, it will never fail in spreading education."

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya (Madras) said the Education Minister deserved "more sympathy than criticism." He had been allotted this year "a paltry sum" of four crores. The Education Ministry was the Cindrella of the Government.

HINDI

Mr. G. R. Ethirajulu Naidu (Mysore) asked the Government not to continue to give education "a stepmotherly treatment" and said that if further "procrastination is made in this respect, the coming generation will suffer from the same inhibitions and handicaps from which we suffer today".

Mr. M. Satyanarayanan (Madras) regretted that no machinery had so far been devised "to spread Hindi in the States as provided for in the Constitution".

The Education Ministry, Maulana Azad said, would set up soon two boards one for making recommendations for introducing text books in simple Hindi in schools and another for drawing up a list of technical terms in Hindi. It was necessary to tackle this basic question if Hindi was to be made the medium of instruction in the universities. A board would also prepare a scheme for establishing a Hindi national academy.

Maulana Azad expressed full agreement with the view that Hindi should be spread in the States in the shortest possible time. It had been decided in the Constitution that Hindi would replace English completely after fifteen years. But it would be difficult to do so if immediate steps were not taken. The Central Government had tried to give advice in the matter to the States and with their co-operation and efforts, this work could be carried forward without delay.

TRANSPORT

During the debate on demands for grants to the Transport Ministry, Mr. M. Upadhyaya (Uttar Pradesh) said there had been a lot of improvement in the transport situation in the country. He wanted high priority to be given to the construction of national highways.

Mr. Kuladhar Chaliha (Assam) wanted a road link with Assam. He suggested that when Indo-Pakistan relations improved, the two Governments should negotiate for the internationalisation of rivers passing through both countries.

Replying to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Mr. K. Santhanam, Minister of State for Transport, said that Government hoped to introduce in the current session a Bill seeking to bring about as much uniformity as possible in the various Port Trust Acts. He was doubtful whether it could be passed in the current session but anyway Government hoped to introduce it.

The demands were passed. The House adjourned till tomorrow.

Stop Press

S. L. SAKSENA DEVELOPS SIGNS OF 'SURE DANGER'

LUCKNOW, March 15 (PTI).—Mr. Shibban Lal Saksena, M.P., who today entered the 26th day of his fast has developed signs of "sure danger", according to a health bulletin issued by Dr. S. S. Misra and Dr. K. R. Dilkash.

RAMANA MAHARISHI GETTING WORSE

MADRAS, March 15 (PTI).—Sri Ramana Maharishi's general health is deteriorating, an authoritive source told the Press Trust of India tonight. The tumour in his left arm is rapidly growing in size, the source added. The Maharishi, who is now 71, has been ailing for some time now.

1,115 TERRORISTS KILLED

LONDON, March 15 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Since the start of the anti-Communist campaign in Malaya 1,115 terrorists have been killed, 358 wounded, 644 captured and about 350 have surrendered, Mr. John Dugdale, Minister of State for the Colonies, told Parliament, Security forces had made 700 operations against the terrorists in the last three months, he added.

Background To The Red Terror

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ed a Russian. She went to Russia and lived there for six years. One day her husband—a prominent Soviet official—disappeared. He had been arrested by the Soviet secret police. Neither he nor she was even told what was the accusation against him. She never saw him again.

Freda Utley later returned to England, and has written many articles exposing the true nature of Communism. In one of them she says: "Paradoxical as it sounds, I ceased to be a Communist for the same reasons which originally led me to become one. The liberal aspirations which turned my youthful hopes toward the Soviet Union made me recoil from Communism in horror once I came to know its real nature."

Her articles expose Communism as a fraud, disguising ruthless dictatorship under the mask of attempting to better the lot of oppressed peoples. This fraud has deceived many well-meaning liberals. Those who have seen the reality have been disillusioned. Others so-called liberals, without comprehending what Communism really is in practice, continue to follow the Communist line.

(To be continued)

News BRIEFS

BOMBAY PROTEST: The all India Federation of Textile Union Executive at a meeting on Wednesday protested against the Labour Relations Bill and the Trade Unions Bill now on the anvil of the Indian Parliament by a resolution and also decided to join with the Hind Mazdoor Sabha in observing April 9 as the Protest Day against the Bills and has directed its affiliated Unions accordingly.

DESPATCH OF SEA MAILS: The next despatch of overseas mails from India for U.S.A., Canada Trinidad and Demerara will be made from Bombay on March 19, 1950 by President Line s.s. "President Polk". Mails arriving in Bombay Foreign upto 6 p.m. on March 18, 1950 will be included in the despatch subject to limit of shipping space.

TELEGRAMS FOR FRENCH WEST INDIES: The Overseas Communications Service announce that only Government and security telegrams are accepted for Guadeloupe (French West Indies). Similar restrictions apply to telegrams for Martinique.

PUNJAB CASE: Mr. Justice Khosla of the Punjab High Court dismissed on Wednesday application of Col. Gurbaksn Singh Dhillon of the INA fame praying transfer of his case from the court of the Gurdaspur Magistrate to some other competent cocurt in another district Col. Dhillon, an unsuccessful candidate in the by-election to the Punjab Assembly from the East Punjab non-Union Labour constituency was being tried under the Punjab Public Safety Act for an incident alleged to have happened on September 6 last at Dhariwal police station.

SCHOOL CHILDREN: The number of children of school going age (between 5 and 14) in the Madras State was 70 lakhs, stated Mr. K. Madhava Menon, Education Minister, in the Madras Assembly on Wednesday.

MADRAS ELECTION: Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Chief Minister and Leader of the Congress Legislature Party, Madras, has summoned a meeting of the Party on March 26 for the election of the Deputy Leader and Secretaries of the Party for 1950-51. There will be no election of the Leader of the Party this year in pursuance of the Congress Working Committee's decision.

AFGHAN CHIEF: The meeting of the Arab League Council, fixed for March 20, has been adjourned to March 25 owing to the visit of King Mohammed Zahir Shah of Afghanistan to Bagdad.

SHOT DEAD: A half grown leopard, which escaped from its pen at the Zoo in Auckland a few days after arriving from Singapore, was shot dead behind the house of the Associate Curator.

PAKISTAN AIR CHIEF: Air-Vice Marshal R. L. R. Atcherley, Air Officer Commanding, Royal Pakistan Air Force, is expected to arrive in London by air from Karachi on March 26 on a three week official visit.

DEMONSTRATION: Several hundred Vietnamese students and civil servants demonstrated on Wednesday outside the law courts in Saigon where twenty-two intellectuals and civil servants were to appear on a charge of "attempts against the security of the State".

HOUSE SEARCH: Israel troops and police made a seven hour house to house search of villages in Western Galilee after a clash between police and arabs, it was officially announced in Haifa on Wednesday. They rounded up a number of Arabs alleged to have crossed the frontier illegally and returned them to the Lebanon.

NO DISTINCTION: The Mississippi State Legislature has taken its first step towards equalising White and Negro education system. The House has included in its school appropriation 3,000,000 dollars to bring Negro teachers' salaries up to that paid to White teachers with the same qualifications.

REDS SHOT DEAD: Three persons described as Communists were shot dead on the Hyderabad border by a squad of Madras Special Police following an encounter, police headquarters in Guntur reported on Wednesday. The police espied them a few days ago near Ramapuram village and an exchange of fire resulted.

SALES OF LINSEED: In continuation of this office Notice No. 2682 dated March 13, 1950, it is notified for the information of the trade that no further sales of linseed will be registered in this office for shipment during May-June 1950, states the Deputy Chief Controller of Exports, Bombay.

TASMANIAN ELECTIONS: Labour Prime Minister Robert Cosgrove dissolved the Tasmanian House of Assembly on Wednesday for an early election, possibly in mid-April. He did so after Assembly Speaker W. O. Wed, one of the three ndependents holding the balance of power in the House had announced his intention to resign.

EARTHQUAKE: An earthquake shock of moderate intensity with its epicentre likely to be near about Delhi was recorded by the New Delhi seismograph at 9.27 p.m. on Wednesday night.

'SAFETY' MEASURE: Externment orders have been served on five members of the Socialist party residing at Angar, a village in Sholapur District. The notices, which were issued under the Public Security Measures Act, asked the men to leave the District immediately and not to return without the prior permission of the District Magistrate, Sholapur.

SIKKIM READY TO ACCEDE

State Congress Representation

NEW DELHI, March 15, (PTI).

DELEGATES of the Sikkim State Congress are understood to have represented to the Government of India that the State Congress is for accession of Sikkim to the Indian Union.

The delegation, consisting of three members and headed by the President of the Congress, Mr. Tashi Tsering, is here in connection with the talks now going on between representatives of Sikkim and the Government of India over the future administrative set up of that State and its relation with India.

The State Congress representatives have, it is learnt, proposed that a council of 15 nominated members representing different parties might take over the administration of Sikkim pending general election and the setting up of a responsible Government.

HEAD-HUNTING CHECKED

Punitive Expedition By Assam Rifles

NEW DELHI, March 15 (P.T.I.): To check head-hunting raids by certain tribes a punitive expedition of the Assam Rifles was sent in November last to punish the offending villages. The expedition, according to the report of the Ministry of External Affairs for the year 1949-50, was successful. The report adds that to improve the administration of the inaccessible tribal areas, a new administrative centre at Laimakru in the Abhor Hills District was established last year and it is proposed to open another centre at Nizamghat in the Mishmi Hills District.

DISTURBANCES IN KHAIRATABAD

20 Persons Injured

SECUNDERABAD, March 15 (UPI): Disturbances occurred in Khairatabad last night resulting in injuries to 20 persons.

On receipt of information, Mr. M. K. Vellodi Chief Minister, and Mr. S. N. Reddy, Commissioner of Police, reached the spot and the situation was brought under control.

Congress and Jamiat-ul-Ulema workers also helped in restoring law and order. Many goonda elements have been arrested.

FACE THE DIFFICULTIES WITH COURAGE

Pandit Nehru Assures All Help To East Bengal Refugees

CALCUTTA, March 15, (PTI).

THE PRIME MINISTER, Jawaharlal Nehru told the East Bengal refugees today that they must face their present difficulties with courage and conviction and not be dismayed in any manner He hoped that out of their miseries something both for the good of themselves and for the country would result.

Pandit Nehru was addressing the refugees, with whom he spent an hour and a half this morning, at Ranaghat, the main junction station, bordering Pakistan, on the main line of the former Bengal Assam Railways, 46 miles from here.

Accompanied by the Chief Minister, Dr. B. C. Roy, Pandit Nehru drove straight to the dispersal camp near the railway station at Ranaghat, where about 12,000 refugees, hailing from different districts in East Pakistan, were now staying.

The Prime Minister inspected the store room of the camp where from rice, blankets and clothes were being distributed to the refugees. He went round a number of tents where men, women and children, coming from different areas, were living like members of a joint family. He patted the young children and enquired of the olders their present condition of living and their needs and requirements.

After spending about 20 minutes in the first camp, the Prime Minister proceeded to the second one, about a mile away. Here about 7,000 refugees have been housed.

As he drove inside the camp, Pandit Nehru's car was beseiged by the refugees, forgetting for the moment their miseries, and they greeted the Prime Minister with "jais."

In many of the refugee families, midday meal was being prepared on improvised "sigrees". Pandit Nehru enquired about the supply of drinking water, the arrangements for lighting, and other requirements. He entered several huts and saw the living condition of the men, women and children, whom communal frenzy had made homeless. At one corner, a young mother was suckling her baby, and as Pandit Nehru entered the hut she moved to the farthest corner. When however she was told who the honoured guest was she touched his feet in reverence.

Addressing the refugees in an open space in front of the huts, Pandit Nehru asked them to be bold and brave. It was no use, he said, crying over spilt milk. They must try to stand on their own legs, although Government would help them in every possible way. He assured them that while they had the sympathy of all refugees should exercise their mind and body to become independent.

On his way back to Calcutta, the Prime Minister visited the Habra refugee camp, where over 1,200 refugees were staying. Pandit Nehru inspected the small houses now under construction by the Government of West Bengal. He was told by the Chief Minister that the housing scheme of the Government was being implemented at this camp

The party returned to Government House, Calcutta, shortly before noon.

Ranaghat is a transit centre of north Bengal refugees. Besides the through trains, there is a shuttle service from Ranaghat to Jaynagar, the last point in Indian territory to bring the refugees who are arriving on foot for dispersal to various camps. About a thousand of them were seen at the station platform.

According to local officials, the number of arrivals was daily increasing.

Hyderabad Deputy I. G. Of Police Resigns

SECUNDERABAD, March 15 (UPI): Rao Bahadur C. K. Nair, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Criminal Investigation Department, Hyderabad, is reported to have tendered resignation of his post which has been accepted by Government.

Mr. Shivkumar Lal, Home Secretary to Government, has taken over charge from Rao Bahadur Nair, who is a retired police official from Madras Province.

110 MILLION RUSSIANS CAST THEIR VOTES

Biggest Poll In Soviet History

MOSCOW, March 15. (PTI-Reuter).

OVER 110,000,000 Russians—99.96 percent of the authorised voters—voted in the biggest poll in Soviet history when they elected 1,302 candidates of the Communist Party and the non-party bloc to the new Supreme Soviet last Sunday, it was announced here.

The electorate voted for a single list of candidates, and every voter cast ballots for two candidates to represent individual constituencies, in the Council of the Union and Council of Nations—bicameral bodies having a total membership of 1,302.

Moscow returned 17 members of the Council of the Union, including Premier Stalin, Vyacheslav Molotov, and O. M. Malenkov, both Deputy Premiers.

The Moscow Radio said that only one person in every 5,000 of the electorate of 111,116,373 failed to vote in the elections.

NAGPUR POLICE ROUNI UP BAD CHARACTERS

NAGPUR, March 15 (UPI): The police rounded up a number of bad characters from different localities this morning. This was as sequel to three stabbing incidents in the city area on Monday last.

The police also carried out a number of searches and some daggers are reported to have been recovered from two houses in the city. The curfew which was imposed on March 13 will continue till March 16. The timing of the curfew will be from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. Police patrol continues in the whole of the city.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MAY

NEW YORK, March 15.

Previous closing	32.14
Today's opening	32.17
Difference	+ 3
Today's closing	32.22
Difference	+ 8

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, March 15

Stock Exchange opening prices:
Anaconda Copper Mining 28-5 8.
General Motors 75-1 2.
United States steel 31-3 8.
Ditto Prefedence 140-3 4.—(P.T.I., Reuter)

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PRICE OF BREAD

The following are the Retail Prices of Baker's bread in the Bombay rationed area:—

	Rs.as.ps.
4 ozs. Bread	0-1-3
8 ozs. Bread	0-2-6

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For unauthorised transfer of the Management of B.S.D.C.S. 6 West Gaothan, Vile Parle, the authorisation granted to Bombay Suburban Christian Congregation has been CANCELLED.

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GOVT. CLOTH SHOPS

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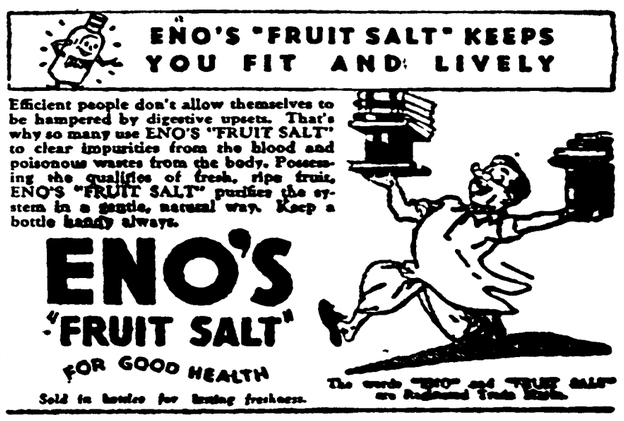
4.	234	Delisle Road, Parel.
5.	14	Tilak Road, Parai Colony, Dadar.
6.	211	Agra Road, Ghatkopar.
	B.S.D. (G.I.P. Side)	
7.	G.26	Bazar Road, Bandra.
8.	76	Dr. Viegas Street, Bombay.
9.	65	Narayan Dhuru Street, Nagdevi, Bombay.
10.	55	Gamdevi, Opp. Victoria Mills.
11.	23	Junction of Victoria Garden Road and Sussex Road, Byculla.
12.	82	Bhavani Shankar Road, Dadar.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TATAS RETAIN 'TIMES' SENIOR SHIELD

Port Trust Lose Final By Ten Wickets

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

THE Tata Sports Club, the holders, retained the 'Times of India' Senior Cricket Shield for yet another year by defeating the Bombay Port Trust Sports Club by ten wickets in this year's final which concluded after three days today.

Bombay Port Trust Sports Club, who wanted 36 runs to avoid an innings defeat, scored 169 runs in their second knock — thus leaving Tata Sports Club to make 10 runs to gain a clear victory which the latter did without losing a single wicket.

Resuming their second innings with over-night total of 124 runs for 7 wickets, Bombay Port Trust Sports Club added 25 runs more to their total and raised the score to 140 for 8 wickets.

D. T. Kotian opened the bowling today from the pavillion end and his first over produced 3 runs — all in singles. At the other end M. K. Iyer was entrusted with the attack — he was introduced for the time in attack in this second innings. In his first over a single was obtained with his second delivery, and one run was added to B.P.T. total when Iyer bowled a no-ball.

Kotian maintaing good length continued to bowl well, conceded 3 more runs in his second over. At other end Iyer bowled a maiden. In the fifth over of the day Marketkar hit the first boundary of the day by hooking Kotian's fourth delivery. In Iyer's third over four runs were scored of the last ball of the over.

Then Kotian bowled a maiden to Marketkar. Iyer continuing at the other end met with success as he clean bowled Sane with his first ball of his fourth over of the match and claimed his first victum of the innings. This wicket fell at 140 — Sane's share was 8 (140-8-8). Bombay Port Trust still required 20 runs more to save an inings defeat.

At the fall of 8th wicket V. C. Raikar went in to join Marketkar who was then playing good cricket. Raikar opened his account by getting a single of fifth ball of Iyer's fourth over. Again Raikar got a single of first ball of Kotian's 5th over. Now, Marketkar facing the bowling got a single of Kotian's fourth ball; and off his next ball i.e. fifth ball Kotian lost an easy chance of caught and bowled — thus Raikar received a life when the total 143 runs.

At 146 Phadkar took over from Kotian at the pavillion end and with his first ball Marketkar scored two runs. The remaining five balls were played by Raikar. Again a quick change was made by Phadkar—bringing in Kotian in place of Iyer at the Islam Gymkhana end — the total was then 148.

The fourth ball of Kotian's first over in his second spell was hit to the leg boundary by Raikar thus registering 152. In his second over Kotian had his revenge by getting Raikar outcaught by Kanga — at 158.

Phatarfod the last man joined Marketkar and the pair added 11 runs more to the total and Phatarfod who carried his bat for 5 was missed by Kotian off his own bowling when Phatarford in trying a big hit, skied the ball near bowler's end; but Kotian having Sun in his eyes could not see the ball and lost a dolly catch. Then the total was at 164. Marketpar was again missed by Mandon at mid-long off Phadkar — Marketkar hit the last ball of Phadkar's last over to mid-long boundary where Mandon trying his best and running about 4 or 5 yards got to the ball but could hold the catch for he rolled over in an attempt to reach the ball — the total was 168 and Marketkar had in the meantime crossed over adding one run to total. But Marketkar could survive long as he was caught by Phadkar off Kotian's first ball of his last over. The Bombay Port Trust were all our for 169 runs in their second venture.

Needing only 10 runs for a victory Phadkar and Makwa opened the Tata Sports Club second innings. Bidaye, the B. P. T. Skipper, showing a sporting jesture opened the attack to Phadkar who drove the first ball to the mid-off boundary.

In attempting to hit an extra cover drive off the second ball Phadkar skied the ball where Khopekar dropped a dolly catch. Phadkar dispatched the third delivery to the boundary, and again Phadkar gave a chance to Sane at mid-off while attempting a big hit of the fifth ball. The sixth ball went for four byes. Thus Tata Sports Club won for the second successive year the Times of India Shield.

The complete score is as follows:—

Bombay Port Trust Sports Club (First Innings) 131

Tata Sports Club (First Innings) 291

Bombay Port Trust Sports Club (Second Innings):—D. M. Bidaye st. B. D. Desai b D. G. Phadkar 3, B. S. Patkar c V. R. Amladi b D. M. Mandon 39, I. V. Khopekar c V. R. Amladi b D. T. Kotian 37, R. V. Gavaskar l.b.w. D. G. Phadkar 1, G. Nanik run out 7, M. P. Golwalla run out 4, A. G. Deepchand c S. M. Shankar b N. R. Kanga 15, V. L. Marketkar c D. G. Phadkar b D. T. Kotian 31, K V. Sane b M. K. Iyer 8, V. C. Raikar c N. R. Kanga b D. T. Kotian 11, Phatarfod not out 5, Extras 8, TOTAL 169.

Fall of wickets: 1 for 4; 2 for 61; 3 for 66; 4 for 85; 5 for 89; 6 for 95; 7 for 115; 8 for 140; 9 for 158 and 10 for 169.

Bowling Analysis: D. G. Phadkar 17-5-43-2, V. R. Amladi 6-2-8-0, S. M. Shankar 3-0-7-0, D. T. Kotian 25.1-6-39-3, F. I. Makwa 4-0-18-0, D. M. Mandon 7-2-14-1, G. Patel 8-4-12-0, M. F. Mistry 6-1-9-0, N. R. Kanga 4-2-4-1, M. K. Iyer 6-2-7-1.

Tata Sports Club (Second Innings): D. G. Phadkar not out 8, F. I. Makwa not out 0, Extras 4, TOTAL 12 (for No loss).

Bowling Analysis: D. M. Bidaye 1-0-8-0.

MADHYA PRADESH WIN TITLE

Bengal Beaten In Final Of Women's National Hockey

BOMBAY, March 15.

Madhyapradesh won Women's Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship by defeating Bengal—1/0— in the replayed final today. Madhyapradesh thus claimed the Lady Ratan Tata Trophy for the first time while Bengal, runners-up to Bombay since the inception of the tournament, in 1947 had to be content with that position this year as well.

A huge crowd turned out at Aishbaug Grounds today and were served up with fast, exciting hockey.

Mrs. Bannerjee, wife of the Chief Commissioner of Bhopal, gave away the trophy and certificates.

Madhyapradesh who knocked out Delhi and Bombay, owed their victory today in the final to fine teamwork, correct positional play and methodical passing.

Madhyapradesh dominated exchanges throughout and would have won comfortably but for hurried finishing of their forwards who wasted some easy chances. The winning goal was scored one minute before halftime by inside-left Marjorie D'Souza who working her way in the outside circle found the net with the reverse flick.

The teams were:

MADHYAPRADESH:—Verma Forde: Helen Hall and Ophelia D'Costa, Sarah Devine, Phiomela Norris and Brenda Smythe: Maureen Brown, Ailsa Frost-Foster, Yvonne Smith, Marjorie D'Souza and Olga Vaz.

BENGAL: Una Brown: Frances Ghey and Shirley Hines: Merlyn Stracey: Betty Cathick and May Cornees Doren Stevens, Buddy Deef Solts, Vanda Williamson, Nor Majordan and Phyllis Bocarro.

Referees:—Major Iftikar Mohamed Khan and Capt. Abdul Shakoor.—PTI.

MANSUR TYBJEE SURPRISED

Commissariat Upsets In W. I. Snooker

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

One of Western India's leading billiard and snooker players Mansur Tybjee made his exit from the Western India Snooker Championships this evening, when he was surprisingly beaten by P. B. Commissariat in five frames.

The scores in favour of Commissariat were: 47-43, 55-65, 54-40, 24-56 and 51-43.

Scoring very rapidly in the Western India Billiard match against C. K. Vissanji, E. Bachooally hit up a big score of 685 in the two hours of play, while his opponent managed to score only 305 points. Bachooally's highest break of the evening was of 44.

In the other match in the billiards played this evening, P. G. Date easily accounted for M. G. Sampat, whom he beat by 590 points to 433 points. Both Date and Sampat had the highest break of the same number of points—42.

MOTIRAM CUP SEMI-FINAL

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the first semi-final of the Motiram Cup Badminton Tournament played this evening, Mr. Bhogilal Shah's team assisted by the well-known Indian Thomas Cup player, Henry Ferreira, led by three matches to one against Motiram Desai's Team at the conclusion of the first day's play.

Both the singles played this evening, were won by Mr. Bhogilal Shah's team, and the two doubles matches were shared by the two teams. The remaining matches will be played tomorrow.

The following were the results:—

Henry Ferreira (Bhogilal Shah's Team) beat P. S. Nilkant (Motiram Desai's Team), 15-9 15-3; A. G. Kalyanpur (Bhogilal Shah's Team beat Gregory Fernandes (Motiram Desai's Team), 15-7 6-15 15-6; Henry Ferreira and Anant Ullal (Bhogilal Shah's Team) beat D. G. Mugwe and S. S. Parulekar (Motiram Desai's Team), 15-7 15-7; P. S. Nilkant and C. P. Merchant (Motiram Desai's Team) beat C K. Menon and G. S. Kalyanpur (Bhogilal Shah's Team), 15-11 7-15 15-7.

AUSTRALIANS DO NOT PLAY THE GAME

Wellknown English Umpire's Scathing Criticism

DERBY, March 14.

Frank Chester, the English Test umpire, said here tonight: "I never enjoyed one match in the Australian tour (1948) and I do not think any other umpire really did.

"The Test match at Manchester was too bad for words. Even when our batsmen never attempted to play the ball the Australians all shouted—even the captain from cover point."

Chester, who was speaking at a meeting organised by the Derby and District Cricket Association, added: "In this dear old country and in this wonderful game, the Englishman knows how to play and take a beating. We do not cry over it. It is a pity the Australians cannot play the game as we do in England."

AUSSIES MANAGER SURPRISED

SYDNEY, March 15 (PTI-Reuter).

KEITH JOHNSON, manager of the 1948 Australian touring team in England, expressed surprise at criticism by English umpire Frank Chester of Australian cricketers on the grounds of excessive appealing.

Johnson said: "This is all news to me. I never heard the conduct of the Australians on or off the field questioned throughout the tour." He added that with Chester's outstanding reputation as an umpire, his views would be read with interest by cricket followers all over the world. But he was sure that Chester's opinion was not that of many other umpires in England.

"England taught us this grand game and over the years evenly-fought Tests tell a grand story of friendly rivalry on the field and close comradeship off it," Johnson said. "It has played a great part in Empire relations and pray God will continue to do so. It will survive this fresh outburst as it has done many others in the past."

Commonwealth Team Members Reach London

LONDON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter).—The advance guard of the Commonwealth cricket team arrived back in London by air today after their winter tour of India and Pakistan.

The party was made up of the captain "Jock" Livingston, Frank Worrell, W. Alley, G. Duckworth, K. Holt, N. Oldfield, Winston Place, and G. Tribe. The remainder of the team are travelling by sea.

Worldbeater In New Role

LONDON March 15,

Freddie Mills, former world British, European and Empire leight-heavyweight champion, has been granted a manager's licence by the British Boxing Board of Control—P.T.I.-Reuter).

NATIONAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Six Provinces Send Strong Representatives

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The first National Boxing titles since India has become a republic will be held at the Brabourne Stadium on March 16 and 17. Provincial boxers representing six cities and provinces—Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Central Provinces, Hyderabad and Gujerat, will vie with one another for premier honours.

The following represent various provinces: Bombay: A. Thomas (Flyweight), Vandergucht (Bantamweight), Havelock Norris (Featherweight), Sharma (Lightweight), Peter Prince (Welterweight), Ron Wilmer (Middleweight), Divecha (Light heavyweight), Irani (heavyweight).

BENGAL: Bob Lall (Bantamweight), Oscar Ward (Lightheavyweight), L. Marcel (Flyweight), Sur (Featherweight), H. Paul (Lightweight).

MADRAS:—H. Hourrigan (Featherweight), C. A. Samuel (Flyweight), V. C. Natarajan (Bantamweight), R. Jayaraman (Lightweight), G. Gopalakrishnan (Welterweight).

HYDERABAD: C. Laurent (Welterweight), F. Kanga (Featherweight), E. Amin (Bantamweight), A. D'Silva (Flyweight).

CENTRAL PROVINCES:— D'Mello and Jacobs.

GUJERAT: Marolia (Lightweight).

It is with pride that Bombay has been granted the privilege to hold and stage the First National Boxing Championships and with Major Baker, Mr. Chandran, Mr. Terry Adams, Mr. Eldridge and others everything possible to being done to make the tournament a brilliant success.

Bombay in my opinion will keep its colours flying in the boxing arena and with Peter Prince in the welter weight class and T. Thomas in the Flyweight two titles are definitely to be Bombay's. Irani of course has seldom been seen in the ring this season and I feel that with what has been heard about him he too will acquit himself creditably.

Havelock Norris has got the determination and courage but he relies mostly on quick decision fights and when a fight does go the long way he seldom is able to gain the points verdict.

Bengal are able to line a very good team led by Olympic champion Bob Lall, who is bantamweight champion, and with what Lall has been dishing out in the past I think that any other rival like Vandergucht, Amin and Natarajan will find it difficult to beat him. He combines speed with heavy punches.

There is yet another boxer from the C.P. and he is Jacobs in the Welterweight class. Much is expected of Jacobs and if he is fighting fit, he will be difficult to beat.

Much can be said, but with the cream of Indian Boxing talent being matched against one another tomorrow some really good scraps will be witnessed.

B. P. O. A. WAKES UP AT LAST

Training Centres To Be Started Next Month

LEADING ATHLETES "ROPED IN" FOR GUIDANCE

BOMBAY, March 15.

THE Bombay Provincial Olympic Association have concrete plans to initiate by the first week of April a scheme for the coaching of athletes in the city and state, a Secretary of the Association said here today. The scheme also envisages the training of persons to act as officials at sports meets—local, state and inter-state.

The scheme provides for the opening of at least three training centres in Bombay city itself. The parent body in Bombay will implement the scheme in the state through its affiliated bodies in Maharashtra and Gujerat.

Two Loughborough-trained men, Baldev Singh, holder of the All-India Javelin throwing record, and Ullal Rao, winner of the high jump crown at the recent All-India Meet in Bombay, will head the list of advisers in the B.P.O. Association's scheme.

They will be assisted by former Bombay Provincial hop-stepper J. J Jamson, middle distance man R. N Utchil, Leslie Woodcock, the sprints and hurdles star and Bombay's olympic skipper, and Benson Proudfoot, former All-India eight hundred metre champion.

These activities in the city will centre round what was formerly the centrally situated Bombay Provincial Hockey Association ground which was recently made available to the B.P.O.A. by Government.

The Association have plans for the construction on this ground of India's second utilisable cinder track.

As regards the training scheme for officials, regular classes will be held for young persons—athletes and non-athletes. An officially constituted board will conduct a final test of trainees.

As part of the scheme, a well-stocked library will be available to those who would avail themselves of its benefits.—P.T.I.

FIGUEREDO CUP HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Indian Naval Civilians defeated Juvenile Sports Club by the odd goal on three in the Figueredo Cup hockey match played this evening at the St. Havier's College ground at Parel. At half-time the teams were level, having shared the two goals scored during the initial half. B. Rozario drew first blood, when he netted for the Juveniles. Before the teams adjourned for the recess, P. Mascarenhas of the Indian Naval Civilians team shot in the equaliser. A little after resumption J. D'Lima scored for the Indian Naval Civilians the winning goal.

In the other match in the same tournament, Lever Brothers Sports Club and the Christ Church and Barnes failed to come to a decision. Two goals scored in the first half were shared, and the replay has been scheduled to be played tomorrow.

TURPIN BEATEN ON POINTS

Poor Ten-Round Contest Won By American Day

LONDON, March 14.

Dick Turpin, the coloured holder of the British middleweight championship, was beaten on points over ten rounds by B. Day, the coloured American, after a poor contest at the Royal Albert Hall here tonight.

Day, a somewhat crude fighter, dictated the trend of the contest throughout.

Four times the referee spoke to the fighters and once he singled out Turpin and admonished him severely. Turpin was skilful enough to avoid punishment but did very little by way of retaliation.

SIGNALS HAVE A FIELD DAY

Athletics In Jubbulpore

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, March 12.

Breath-taking thrills by the Motor Cycle Despatch Riders of the B.T.C., Jubbulpore, spectacular P T. demonstration by the Boys' Regiment, S.T.C., the equalling of the ensuing Pole Vault record by L/Hav. Barbara Singh who also earned the distinction of being the year's Victor Ludorum, and a very popular victory by the Ladies Team in the Tug-of-War event, in which they overcame the Old Soldiers of all ranks above 45 years of age, were the features of the Athletic Meeting that terminated the sports events held here under the auspices of the Reunion Celebrations of the Corps of Signals.

It was announced at the Meet that General N. M. Cariappa, C.-in-C. Indian Army and Colonel-Commandant of the Corps, had presented a trophy for the Inter-Command Championship in hockey, football, basket ball, volley ball and rifle and pistol shooting. This was won by the Signal Training Centre, Jubbulpore, who won every event.

At the conclusion of the day's events Mrs. Akehurst, wife of Brigadier C. H. I. Akehurst, O.B.E. Signals Officer-in-Chief, presented the trophies. The results:—

To Race In India

LONDON, March 15, Nan Duskin, a three-year-old filly by Winternatter out of Norma, has left Lambourn, Wiltshire, for shipment to India.

Nan Duskin's dam Norma, is by Ascot Gold Cup winner Tiberius.

She had five outings last season, finishing second on three occasions.—(PTI-Reuter).

EXCELLENT TRACK PERFORMANCES BY BLACK MAGIC AND BRAVE PRINCE

By Our Track Reporter

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following are the pick of the track-trials noted at Mahalaxmi:—

RACE TRACK

WHIRLPOOL (Devaney) shaped better than ANASUYA (Duffy) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 22½ secs.

LONDON TAN (R.B.), BASILIAN (Pierce) and MANIANA (Kadam) were sent on easy work over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 22½ secs.

BLACK MAGIC (Khade) outstrode GLORY OF INDIA (R.B.) when exercised over seven furlongs, SHUBH LAXMI (Kashekar) who was picked at the four finished level with the first-named. BLACK MAGIC returned 1 min 32 1/5 secs. for seven furlongs and the last four furlongs were made in 51 3/5 secs.

THE JUDGE (Dar) was sent round the course BATTLE SONG (Damodar) joined him at the eight. The former clocked 2 mins. 22 secs. for ten furlongs and the pair returned 1 min. 52 secs for a mile.

SAMURAI (Khade) was a shade better than GOLD STREET (Duffy) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 19 secs.

BRILLIANT SUNSHINE (Ht. Md.) negotiated nine furlongs in 2 mins. 5½ secs. He is working fit now.

MAGNA CARTA (Purtu) had the poor company of STARSHELL (R.B.) when covering five furlongs in 1 min. 5 secs.

JUST WAIT (Hanuman) did a speedy display over six furlongs in 1 min. 19 secs.

MUBARAK (Khade) negotiated a mile in 1 min. 47⅖ secs.

FIND OUT (Hanuman) clocked an excellent gallop over nine furlongs in 2 mins. 1 sec. Now in fine fettle.

SHANDANA (Khade) had the measure of BATTALIA (R.B.) and FLIGHT AND FANCY (Kan Singh) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21½ secs. Watch the first-named.

OUTER TAN

MAHARAJ PRAMUKH (Kheem) and NATIONAL FLAG (Antoo) moved very well in hand and returned 1 min. 6½ secs. for five furlongs.

THUNDERER (Sethna) moved like a winner when covering the last four in 53 secs.

BLUE ARROW (Gulamali) headed V. DAY (Jai Singh) and KANTAKA (Mula) when travelling over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 23 secs.

HIKMET (Duffy) covered five furlongs in 1 min. 7 secs.

PESSU PASHA (Chavan) PICK POCKET (R.B.) and MAQBUL (R.B.) moved easily over six and returned 1 min. 23½ secs.

MANSOOR BEG (Khade) PAVAN (J. Bhosle) and KUNIGAL STAR (K. Bhosle) recorded 1 min. 55 secs. when worked over a mile none seriously pressed.

LALAJI (R.B.) strode over eight furlongs at a fair pace and recorded 1 min. 55 secs.

BRAVE PRINCE (Khade) shaped better than ADELINE (Rajoo) when covering a mile. Timing 1 min. 48 secs. Both are in fine fettle.

FLOTILLA (Medhe) and RED BIRD (R.B.) were close abreast at the end of a gallop over nine furlongs. Timing 2 mins. 7 secs.

CHANDROOS (Duffy) disposed of MALABAR STAR (Mulla) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

BOLD BANDIT (Kan Singh) held CHOCOLATE BABY (R.B.) when making a gallop over six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

GEORGETTE (Shaik) moved better than TRUNK CALL (Damodar) when exercised over six furlongs. Timing 1 min. 21½ secs.

THE GIRL FRIEND (Hanuman) clocked a spurt over three furlongs in 38½ secs. She is in great form.

BIG HEARTED (Duffy) was going better than QUEEN'S CUP (Hanuman) when covering nine furlongs in 2 mins. 7½ secs.

TAMASHA (Shaikh) spared a couple of lengths from GHAFLAH (R.B.) and SLAP AND TICKLE (R.B.) when doing a three-furlong dash in 36 1/5 secs.

GRACE DARLING (R.B.) disposed of WHY AGAIN (R.B.) when covering seven furlongs in 1 min. 39½ secs.

DEUCE OF CLUBS (Kheem) and TAMANNA (Antoo) were level when clocking three furlongs in 37 1/5 secs.

COURAGE (Antoo) beat HAPPY GO LUCY (Kheem) and NIRVANA (J. Khan) when doing a spurt over three furlongs in 37 secs.

FOURTEEN ACCEPT FOR NENSEY CUP

THE VILE PARLE PLATE—(Div. I) 1 Mile, 1 Fur.

Lady Cleopatra 9-0, Show On 8-13, King's Star 8-8, Big Hearted 8-5, Battle Song 8-5, Army and Navy 8-4, Shirani 8-3, Luminary 8-1, Sunlight 7-12.

THE CUMBALLA PLATE—(Div. II) 7 Furs.

Taron 9-2, Pick Pocket 8-2, Aussie 8-0, Ghaflah 8-12, Dry Day 8-11, V. Day 8-9, Why Again 8-9, Cool and Collected 8-9, Malka 8-7, Desert Queen 8-4, Lily 8-4, Sparkling Star 8-4, Maqbul 8-4, Romantic 8-4, Botticelli 8-4, Gay Boy 8-4 Mon Desir 8-3, Amar Hind 8-0, Mumtaz Mahal II 7-13 Slap and Tickle 7-13, Kiss Miss 7-10.

THE VILE PARLE PLATE—(Div. II) 1 Mile, 1 Fur.

Kabir 9-1, Ijjat 8-13, Banshee 8-12, Lalaji 8-12, Chhoti Begum 8-8, Brilliant Sunshine 8-6, Ajinkya Tara II 8-5, Queen's Cup 8-3, Jai Malhar 8-2, Blue Arrow 8-0, Billy Boy 7-13, My Pleasure 7-13, Crepe de Chine 7-12, Progress 7-11.

THE CUMBALLA PLATE—(Div. I) 7 Furs.

Pessu Pasha 9-8, Past The Post 7-6, Revel On 9-3, Gwalior Express 8-12, Malabar Star 8-6, Thunder 8-5, Rajaji 8-4, Basilian 8-1, Black Abbot 8-0, Solar Song 7-13, Kantaka 7-7, Grace Darling 7-6, Poldo 7-5, Crissie Darling 7-4, Yemin Ul Mulk 7-3, Chandrashekhar 7-3, Queen of Hearts 7-3.

THE DAWOODBHOY NENSEY CUP 1 Mile, 1 Fur.

Serenade 9-5, Mubarak 9-2, Brave Prince 8-12, Pramila 8-8, Maduri 8-7, Kunigal Star 7-8, Doorani 8-7, Jawahir 8-7, Namdar 8-3, Rajput Warrior 8-3, Pippy 7-13, Flying Arrow 7-10, Courage 7-8, Red Bird 7-0.

THE MAHALUXMI PLATE—(Div. II) 6 Furs.

Deuce of Clubs 9-2, Havana 9-2, The Girl Friend 9-1, Tamanna 8-13, Irish Right 8-11, Gold Legion 8-11, Morton Daisy 8-9, Trumpeldor 8-8, Pessimist 8-5, Mah-I-Nau 8-4, Bold Bandit 8-4, Magnolia 8-1, Peggotty 8-1, Nizammuddin 8-1, Just Wait 8-0, Patakha 7-9.

THE E. D. KAZI PLATE 1 Mile, 1 Fur.

Masquerade 9-6, Adeline 9-1, Cocktop 9-0, Happy Go Lucky 8-12, Neola 8-11, Who's That 8-9, Chocolate Baby 8-8, Star of Mahad 8-7, Royal Mantle 8-7, Aan Baan 8-6, Dev Doot 8-5, Pavan 8-4, Sir Galahad 8-0, Your Majesty 7-11, Prospero 7-11, Nirvana 7-10, Passing Bell 7-10, Black Page 7-7, Taslaroon 7-7, Queen of Gwalior 7-5, Find Out 7-3.

THE MAHALUXMI PLATE—(Div. I) 6 Furs.

Star Saphire 9-3, Georgette 9-2, National Flag 9-1, Rashtrapati 8-13, Pretty Town 8-13, Queen Elizabeth 8-12, Dil-Ki-Bat 8-11, Gang Bhup 8-10, Duke of Ramgarh 8-10, Paramount Power 8-9, Tamasha 8-6, Great Lady 8-6, Flying Princess 8-5, London Tan 8-3, Lady Doctor 8-1, Chocolate Soldier 7-13.

CITY AND EAST PUNJAB DRAW A THIRD TIME

Mediocre Hockey In Bombay's Invitation Tournament

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A third draw this evening between East Punjab and Bombay City when both sides shared two goals in the Invitation Hockey Tournament at the Cooperage made Bombays hockey fans leave the grounds in a state of disgust. The match was devoid of any spectacular play, but told a tale of missed chances.

Bombay City were on top in the initial half, but they seemed to have expended all their energy in this period. Joe Rodrigues who gave a grand performance in his last appearance today suffered from a swollen head and tried two much of solo efforts failing to destribute the ball justly. Middlecoat played well but also was a tired man. Alexander and Wakefield were themselves in the defence. Herby Lynn gave a cool and magnificient display in the City goal by clearing some really difficult shots.

The East Punjab, I gather possess two players who are likely to represent their Province in the National at Bhopal. They are Harbak Singh and Harjit Singh, the right inner and centre half respectively. Mohan Singh, Dulip Singh and Harbaksh Singh were prominent in attack, while Inder Singh, Harjit Singh and Ajit Singh held the fort.

The attack of the East Punjab side would fare definitely better if the right flank and particularly the right inner is made full use off. They are literally starved. Similarly the City should not concentrate on Gardner only, he is good but is well marked. They should divert their attention on also feeding Gasper and Robertson.

Two minutes before the interval Bombay City went into the lead mainly due to G. Ireland accepting a long pass from left outer Gasper and due to Ajit Singh missing the ball in the Punjab deep defence. Ireland shot from close in to beat a helpless custodian.

East Punjab should have gained the equalizer on resumption as Dalip Singh centred but both the left outer and inner clashed into one another to spoil a glorious chance. Dulip Singh made his way into circle with a fine dribble but he was badly fouled by Alexander and Wakefield.

East Punjab made amends for the numerous raids they made when their right inner took the ball down the goal line and centred for centre forward Mohan Singh to score the equalizer midway through the second session.

Then came another bad patch for the City and East Punjab forced three corners the first two were averted dangerously and the last was penalized for carrying. Some nasty incidents were in evidence when the body was used, but the umpires cautioned the players concerned in time.

The replay will be played to-morrow, Thursday at 5-25 p.m.

The teams:—

East Punjab:—Khusdev Singh; Ajit Singh, Harbans Singh; Jarnail Singh, Rarjia Singh, Inder Singh, Dalip Singh, Harbakhsh Singh, Mohan Singh, Hardial Singh, Naranjan Singh.

Bombay City:—Herly Lynn; Alexander, Moses; Wakefield, Middlecoat, Davids; Gardner, Ireland, J. Rodrigues, Robertson, Gasper.

UMPIRES:—Lelio da Silva and Franke Correa.

Ceylon Cricket Team Leaves For Pakistan

COLOMBO, March 15: The Ceylon cricket team left by air today for Karachi for a month's tour of Pakistan.

The team, captained by S. S. Jayawickreme and comprising fourteen players, will play six matches including two four-day "tests". M.K.M. Ismail, Honorary Secretary of the Ceylon Cricket Board, accompanies the team as Manager. (PTI-Reuter).

Wyatt Becomes New Head Of England's Test Selectors

MCC DECIDE TO CONTINUE NEW BALL AND FIRST DAY DECLARATION EXPERIMENTS

LONDON, March 14.

R. E. S. Wyatt of Worcestershire has been appointed Chairman of the England Test Selection Committee in place of A. J. Holmes of Sussex who resigned through illness.

L. E. G. Ames of Kent fills the vacancy on the committee. Ames is the first professional to gain this distinction although in the past Jack Hobbs and Wilfrid Rhodes were co-opted members.

Ames, aged 44, is considered by some the finest wicket-keeper batsman of all time and has played in 47 Tests 17 against Australia.

Wyatt, who will be 49 in May, is still an active first class cricketer with 40 tests to his credit.

HARDSTAFF EXONERATED

The case of Joe Hardstaff, the England and Nottinghamshire cricketer, was considered by the Advisory County Cricket Committee, who unahimously agreed that Hardstaff had erred inadvertently by playing for Auckland in the Plunket Shield in New Zealand, but they exonerated him from blame and decided that he should not be penalised.

It was agreed that the MCC should write to all overseas cricketing bodies on this question on the playing of English cricketers.

The new ball experiment of 65-overs and the declaration on the first day of a county match after 300 runs will be continued.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

4-20 p.m. G. B. Police "A" vs. B.P.T. 'A' (Lewis Cup).

5-25 p.m. City 'A' vs. East Punjab (Invitation 2nd replay).

St. Xavier's Ground, Parel.

4-10 p.m. Lever Sports Club vs. Christ Church and Barnes (Replay)

5-15 p.m. Blue Wizards "A" vs. Overseas Communications Service (Friguiredo Cup).

BOXING

Brabourne Stadium—

9 p.m. National Championships. (First day).

BADMINTON

Cricket Club of India—

6 p.m. Motiram's Team vs. Bhogilal Shah's team (Motiram Cup).

BILLIARDS

Islam Gymkhana—

6 p.m. Western India Billiards.

9 p.m. Western India Snooker.

EARLY IMPROVEMENT IN STEELS MEETS RENEWED LIQUIDATION

Restricted Business In Mill Shares

BOMBAY, March 15.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was quietly steady today with active Shares fluctuating within a narrow range. In view of the prevailing uncertainty professional operators remain cautious.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened at Rs. 1612/8 and advanced at Rs. 1618/12 under further short covering and scattered buying. At this level the demand was satisfied and the market backed away on renewed liquidation and Tata Steel Defds. were quoted at Rs. 1610/- Trading was restricted owing to disturbed situation. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 323/- and after improving at Rs. 324/- steadied at Rs. 323/- Indian Irons were to quiet at Rs. 29/- and Bengal Steels were done at Rs. 20/3.

Bombay Dyeings opened steady at Rs. 1062/- and advanced at Rs. 1670/- on expectation of bonus share but at the rise there was moderate realisings and Dyeings reacted at Rs. 1665/- Kohinoors were done at Rs. 313/- and Swadeshi Mill Shares were done at Rs. 267/-. Scindia Shares changed hands at Rs. 12/10.

Thereafter there was further selling and Tata Steel Defds. declined at Rs. 1606/4 while Ordinary Shares were quoted at Rs. 321/-. Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs 1060/- and Kohinoors after improving at Rs. 315/- steadied around Rs. 313/-. Closing tone of the market was barely steady with restricted business.

Towards the close there was increased selling and Tata Steel Defds. declined at Rs. 1590/- and Ordinary Shares were done at Rs. 319/-. Bombay Dyeings eased off at Rs. 1051/4 and Kohinoors stood at Rs. 312/8. Scindia Shares were placed at Rs. 12/7. Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 150.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	1051	4
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	312	8
Svdaeshi Mills (12-4)	265	0
Central India Mills (6)	232	0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	183	0
New Great Eastern (8)	155	0
Indore (8-13)	122	8
Gokak Mills (12)	266	8
Century Spinning (15)	243	12
Swan Mills (20)	318	0
Indian Bleaching (6)	153	0
Finlay Mills (15)	265	0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	150	0
Edward Sassoon (30)	216	4
Meyer (12)	90	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2	14
India United Ord. (0-14-9)	11	14
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1	14
Madhusudan (15)	180	0
Podar (S)	132	8
Khatau Makanji (5)	181	4
Swadeshi Coupon	68	0
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	319	0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1590	0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-1/2)	139	0
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (7) XD	150	0
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8) XD	405	0
Belapur Sugar (9)	225	8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31	0
Scindia Steam (6-8)	12	7
Premier Construction	86	8
Tata Chemical	11	2
Tata Oil (2)	45	12
India Iron (0-12)	28	13
Bengal Steel (0-12-0)	20	1
Bengal India Corp. (0-9)	9	0
Indian Copper	2	3
Wimco	226	4
Alcock	284	6
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25)	1540	0
Tata Hydro (3)	154	0
Andhra Valley (30)	1440	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61	0
Phoenix (50)	151	0
Indian Mfg. (40)	2950	0
Kurla XD	115	0
Colaba (12)	95	0
New City (11)	19	8
Minerva (12)	130	0
Bradbury (12)	520	0
Bharucha Defd. (0.4)	4	4
Bharat Mills (2)	27	0
Model Mills (13-8)	165	0
Mysore (4)	162	8
Madhavji (0-12-0)	14	4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	217	8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	645	0
Western India (40)	2925	0
Standard (15)	227	8
Sholapur (200)	3150	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8-0)	18	0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	0
Tata Mills (2-4)	51	8
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240	0
New Ahmedabad	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3) X.D.	36	8
New Union Mills (0-8)	19	2
Madhusudan S. (2-5)	35	0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	173	12
Raja Bahadur (4)	60	0
Berar Mills	266	4
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-9)	129	6
Ahmedabad New	77	8
Surat Electric	133	2
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	2
Amalgated	11	2
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	28	8
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	138	2
Bombay Suburban (8)	153	12
Bombay Suburban New	142	8
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India XD	1773	12
Imperial Bank P. (0-12) XD	435	0
Central Bank (1-8)	82	8
Central Bank New (1-8)	84	8
Bank of India (4)	176	8
Union (0-3)	7	2
Baroda (2-8)	123	4
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37	8
United Commercial (1-8)	43	4
Jaipur Bank (18-0)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	365	0
Eastern Bank (0.14-9)	92	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4740	0
Empire (10)	571	4
New India (1-7)	56	8
Jupiter (0-12)	12	15
Vulcan (0-10)	13	3
Indian Mercantile (0-4)	39	0
Universal	11	4
B I G (1)	15	4
Industrial and Prudential	28	4
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	12	12
RAILWAY SHARES		
C. P. (1-14) XD	112	8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (10)	237	8
Bombay Burma New (5)	133	12
Burma Petrol	1	4 6
Mackenzie (6)	97	0
Port Canning (3)	58	8
Kemp and Co. (20)	320	0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	94	8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	42	0
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	14	0
Alembic (15)	147	8
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	67	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	22	8
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S.)	141	4
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahamadi Steam	100	0
Sardar Carbonic XD	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	26	14
Estrella Batteries	30	0
Manmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	55	6
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	198	12
Andhra Valley (7)	1232	8
Tata Power (7-8)	1337	8
Hydro Electric (7)	130	10
Bombay Steamer (6)	223	12
Central India (5)	653	12
Swedish Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	672	8
Laxmi	272	8
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	4
Podar Mills (4)	95	0
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106	14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	0
Pre. Construction First	100	8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	98	0
Amalgamated	115	0
India	72	0
Tata Chemical	125	0
Walchandnagar	130	0
Jupiter	13	4
Supreme	100	
Meyer	102	8
Mackenzie First	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	127	8
Mysore Mill	41	0
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	100	0
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	74	8
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	4
Gula Rajamsingh	8	9
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	11
New Victoria	2	0
New Victoria Pref.	4	4
Phalton	118	0
Gold Mohor	301	8
New Kaiser-i-Hind	325	0
Sajjan	121	0
Osmanshahi	250	0
Ajam Shahi	280	0
Air Service	4	4
Air India	63	0
Hind Motors	5	0
India Steam	6	10

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, March 15.

Tata Ordinary 319, Tata Deferred 1590, Indian Iron 28-13, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20-1, Bombay Dyeing 1051-4, Central India 232-8, Gokak 266-14, Kohinoor 312-8, Simplex 183, Swadeshi 265, Tata Power 1540, Associated Cement 150 Belapur 225-10 Bombay Burma (Old) 405. Scindia 12-11, Central Bank 82-8, New India 56-4, Tata 2nd Pref. 139-6.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, March 15.

120	Ready Japan	6 14	0
150	Ready Japan	5 4	0
120	Ready Italy	5 13	0
150	Ready Italy	4 13	3
150	D. Box March	950 0	0
150	D. Box April	951 0	0

Wave-Length Changes

With effect from Thursday, March 16, the Bombay Station of All India Radio will operate on the following wave-lengths during Transmission—I.

BOMBAY- A: 244 Metres (1,231 Kc/s) and 31.41 Metres (9,550 Kc/s).

BOMBAY—B: 353 Metres (850 Kc/s) and 41.44 metres (7,240 Kc/s).

The frequencies for the remaining part of the day will be as usual.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, March 15.

The local bullion market was steady today on increased buying after yesterday's sharp decline. Some traders firmly believe that the Bank will offer Silver on strong spots and are reported selling but bulls are dentering ported selling but bulls are extending their support on all important setbacks.

Forward Silver opened today at Rs. 182-8 and improved at Rs. 183 on moderate buying. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 183. Forward Gold opened at Rs. 115-12 and after improving at Rs. 115-14 steadied at Rs. 115-13. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 115-13 and Sovereigns were done at Rs. 75-4.

Later on there was bull support and closing quotations were as under:

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	183	8	0
Forward	183	9	0
Ready Gold	115	12	0
Forward	115	12	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 15.

The produce market was quiet today with a further decline in prices as shippers are holding aloof. Groundnuts were quiet but catorseeds were steady. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS

	Rs.	as.	ps.
Quality	40	14	0
Bold	39	12	0
Madras	40	10	0
Oil Local Mills	22	2	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	21	12	0
Oil March	21	12	0
Oil April	22	2	0

LINSEED

Bold	38	6	0
Small	36	7	0
April-May	36	6	0
Oil	21	12	0

CASTORSEEDS

Ready	28	10	0
Madras March	28	14	0

ALEXANDRIA MARKET

ALEXANDRIA, March 14.

KARNAK

March	72.23+83
May	72.80+75
July	72.60+105
November	68.75+90

ASHMOUNI

April	68.85 +75
June	69.45+ 65
August	63.90+190
October	55.80+ 80

PAKISTAN STATE BANK

(From Our Correspondent).

KARACHI, (By Air Mail).

Following is the statement of account of the State Bank of Pakistan for the week ending March 3, 1950:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES: Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 6,52,41,000. Notes in circulation Rs. 177,35,10,000. Total notes issued Rs. 183,87,51,000. Total Liabilities Rs. 183,87,51,000.

ASSETS: I.A. Gold Coin and Bullion Rs. 4,20,71,000; Silver Bullion Nil; Sterling Securities Rs. 67,53,43,000; Government of India Securities Rs. 31,62,58,000; India notes representing assets receivable from the Reserve Bank of India Rs. 43,17,00,000; Rs. 146,54,72,000.

B. Rupee Coiin Rs. 4,95,46,000; Government of Pakistan Securities Rs 26,47,33,000; Internal bills of exchange and other commercial paper Nil; Rs. 31,42,79,000.

II. Held with the Reserve Bank of India pending transfer to Pakistan:—Gold Coin and Bullion Rs. 19,02,000; Sterling Securities Rs. 3,87,77,000; Government of India Securities Rs. 1,53,71,000; Rupee Coin Rs 29,50,000; Rs. 5,90,00,000.

Total Assets Rs. 183,87,51,000.

Ratio of Gold Coin and Bullion, Silver Bullion, Sterling Securities and approved Foreign Exchange to total note circulation 82.75 per cent.

NOTE:—India Securities, etc., have been shown at their previous value pending adjustment.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES; Capital paid up Rs. 3,00,00,000.

Reserve Fund Rs. 3,00,00,000

Deposits:—(a' Central Government Rs. 46,24,90,000; (b) Provincial Government Rs. 5,98,32,000; (c) Banks Rs. 14,27,11,000; (d) Others Rs. 10,98,06,000.

Bills Payable Rs. 2,43,000.

Other Liabilities Rs 1,93.07,000.

Total Rs. 85,43,89,000.

ASSETS: Notes Rs. 6,52,41,000.

Rupee Coin:—(a) Pakistan Rs. 5,000; (b) India Nil.

Subsidiary Coin:—(a) Pakistan Nil, (b) India Rs. 1,64,000.

Bills Purchased and Discounted:—(a) Internal Nil; (b) External Nil; (c) Government Treasury Bills Rs. 10,48,24,000.

*Balances held outside Pakistan Rs. 35,20,58.000.

Loans and Advances to Governments Nil.

Other Loans and Advances Rs. 1,19,91,000.

Investments Rs. 27,79,61,000.

Other Assets Rs 4.21,45,000.

Total Rs. 85,43.89.000.

*Includes Cash, Short Term Sterling Securities and Balances with the Reserve Bank of India.

INCREASE OF RS. 13/- CRORES IN NOTE CIRCULATION

Weekly Statement Of Reserve Bank

The following is an Account of the RESERVE BANK OF INDIA, for the week ended the 10th day of March:—

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	13,82,50,000
Notes in circulation	1167,14,15,000
Total Notes issued	1180,96,65,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1180,96,65,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	650,34,38,000
Rupee Coin	50,33,38,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	440,27,18,000
TOTAL ASSETS	1180,96,65,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 58.457 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government	
(1) Central Government	153,81,01,000
(2) Other Governments	20,62,45,000
(b) Banks	51,31,78,000
(c) Others	62,39,80,000
Bills Payable	5,44,94,000
Other Liabilities	14,74,05,000
Rupees	318,34,03,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	13,82,50,000
Rupee Coin	8,44,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,85,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:	
Internal	92,00,000
Government Treasury Bills	2,86,29,000
Balances held abroad	200,68,06,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	7,08,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	11,08,28,000
Investments	77,04,24,000
Other Assets	4,74,37,000
Rupees	318,34,03,000

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, March 15.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:—

GOVERNMENT LOANS: Three per cent Paper 97, Three per cent 1986 97/5, Three per cent 1970/75 100, Government of Travancore Loan Three per cent 1952/54 101/5, Government of Madras Loan Three per cent 1960 100/4.

BANKS: Travancore 14/13

PLANTINGS: Chembra 5/1. Devashola 14, Midland 4/15, Nelliampathy 1/4, Ouchterlony 6/3, Pullangode 1/4, Thirumbadi 1/15, T. R. and T. Co. 5/11, Vaikundam 7/6.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Woollen 244, Buckingham 138, Do Pref. 188, Cambodia 12/8, Coimbatore CM 143, Do. Pioneer 120, Do. Spg. 53, Lakshmi 70/8, Madura 39/10, Mettur 324/8, Radhakrishna 172, Rajalakshmi 71 8, Ranga Vilas 53/8, Trav Rayons 4/2/6.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 70/12 F. A. C. T. 5/3, India Cement 18/8, Mettur Chem. 5/15, Mysore Chem. Fert. 8/10.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 14.

Silver Spot and Forward 64d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £12-8-0.

N. Y. SILVER SALES

Consumers purchased about 150,000 ounces of silver at unchanged price.

INCREASED LIQUIDATION IN MAY CONTRACT IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Wall Street Improves Towards Close

NEW YORK, March 14: Small opening gains were slightly extended on light mill buying and short covering in old crops disclosing limited hedges and liquidation. Some scattered demand for new crops was attributed to congressional delays in legislation to revise the cotton acreage upward Meanwhile the continued quietness of the textile and spot markets is discouraging trading activity.

In the afternoon prices reacted sharply under the leadership of old crops notably May, reflecting increased liquidation and hedges finding trade offtake indifferent. Switching from May into 1950 July was a trading feature. Prices finally again rallied on price fixing and short covering together with a sudden scarcity of contracts with the session closing steady Sales are estimated at 100.000 bales

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 14

March	31.62—06	
May	32.14 05	
July	32.16+08	
October	30.19+04	
Middling Spot	32.62—05	

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	31.20+09
May	31.74—04
July	31.87+06
October	30.07+03
Middlingg Spot	31.55—

New York Cotton May Highest 32.25 at 12.57 p.m., Lowest 32.02 at 2.57 p.m.

WALL STREET MARKET

Most issues fluctuated narrowly in lethargic trading with the prevailing business uncertainties causing numerous operators to adopt a very cautious attitude. Changes were mainly fractional either way with gains holding a small advantage. Allied chemical were outstanding gaining four points this morning as the talk persisted of split up possibilities.

At noon the averages were industrials 203.93 and rails 54.65. Industrials continued to attract supporters although most of the one point advance in the group average was accounted for by a four dollars gain in allied chemical.

Most of the other sections still reflected operators indecision. In the final hour prices displayed an irregularly higher tendency which was mainly fractional. In final dealings support was attracted to various lagging sections and the market finished with a profusion of gains of mostly upto one dollar. Allied chemical advanced five dollars on the day. The market closed firm.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

American Telephone and Telegraph	149-7/8
Amerex Holding Co.	35-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	22-7/8
Chase National Bank	38-5/8
Firestone Tyre	58-7/8
General Electric	46-3/8
General Motors	75-3/8
Ingersol Rand	68-1/4
International Nickel	26-7/8
National City Bank	47-1/2
New York Central Rail Road	13-1/8
Sinclair Oil Corp	23-3/8
Socony Vacuum Oil	16-5/8
Texas Corporation	62-5/8
Union Carbide	42-7/8
U. S. Smelting and Refining	36-1/2
U. S Steel Common	31-1/8
Western Union	21-1/4

Total number of shares which changed nands during the day was 1,140.000 shares.

The Highest and Lowest U. S. Steel trading prices were 31-3/8 and 30-7/8 respectively.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, March 14: Grains stood firm under the leadership of wheat reflecting official confirmation of deterioration to the new wheat crop in the south-west due to dry windy conditions Exporters were good buyers of wheat against an overnight sale of cargo of number two hard to Holland and a sale of a cargo of Pacific coast white wheat to the United Kingdom Reports that Portugal has requested offerings on three cargoes of red wheat—around one million bushels—also attracted some buying Profit-taking and hedging in wheat finally pared extreme gains

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 14

March	2 31 1 2
May	2.30-1/8
July	1.97-1/4
September	1.97-3 8

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON March 14

Australian Wheat 121 8 March-April.

LONDON COPRA MARKET

LONDON March 14.

The copra market was quiet and Straits Dutch East-Indies fair merchantable March/April was cheaper with d2 1/4 sterling per ton c.i.f. quoted. Philippines were maintained at 197 1/2 United States dollars per ton f.o.b. Coconut oil was quietly steady, Straits March/April shipment in bulk 125 sterling per ton c.i.f. Ceylon was unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 14

	£
2-1/2 p.c. British Consols	29
3-1/2 p.c. Conversion Loan 1961	91-3/4
4 p.c. Funding Loan 1960/90	106-5 8
3-1/2 p.c. War Loan on or after Dec. 1st 1952	91-3/8
Chartered Bank of India	9-13-16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	84-1/2
National Bank of India	32-3/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 5,613.

Over Rs. 7 Lakhs Revenue Through Land Customs

CALCUTTA, March 14 (PTI): The total gross Indian sea and land customs revenue collected in India (excluding Travancore) during January 1950 amounted to Rs 7 38 lakhs according to the returns received in the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics Of this amount, import duties accounted for Rs. 5.29 lakhs, export duties for Rs 1 84 lakhs and land customs and miscellaneous for Rs. 25 lakhs

The total gross collection of central excise duties on motor spirit, kerosene, sugar matches etc amounted to Rs 4 89 lakhs during the same month

The gross total gross customs and central excise revenue raised in the ten months April 1949 to January 1950 was Rs 166 89 lakhs. Of this amount import duties accounted for Rs 87 95 lakhs, export duties for Rs 15 50 lakhs, land customs and miscellaneous for Rs 3.13 lakhs and central excise duties for Rs. 6.31 lakhs

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGE

PARIS March 14.

In absence of any new incentive, the bourse was mostly heavy Dealings were largely professional Rentes were enlivened by active dealings in the 5 per cent 1920s which hardened South African gold issues were mostly lower. Suez joined the lower trend along with industrials and banks and the selling pressure had its effect on rubbers foods and minings

BRUSSELS: Paucity of business on the bourse forced prices to give ground. Indecisive tendencies were apparent among textiles, buildings stores and colonials Brussels tramways eased following the news that proposals have been formulated by the minister for communications for a mixed operating organisation whose capital of 1,400,000,000 Francs would be provided partly by public authorities and partly by the Brussels tramways company.

AMSTERDAM: The uncertainty over the Indonesian monetary measures and predominance of selling orders in Internationals and Industrials again depressed the market. Estates were weak with losses ranging around four points Industrials generally were weaker. Philippines also recorded widespread losses Investments, however, ruled very steady

SPECULATION IN BULLION MAY BE RESTRICTED

Question Under Government Consideration, Says Matthai

NEW DELHI, March 15. (PTI).

THE Finance Minister, Dr. John Mattahai told Parliament today that the question of restricting speculative activities in bullion was under Government's consideration, but the Finance Minister refused to disclose Government's policy in regard to price control of the metals. Dr. Matthai, who was replying to Pandit Mukut Bihari Lal Bhargava, said that the prices of gold and silver in India had been higher than those prevailing in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. .....

"As various factors, economic and political, affect the nature of speculation in the bullion markets," said Dr. Matthai "It is difficult to say what effect speculation has on the prices of gold and silver Speculation in bullion, as in all other commodities, if conducted within proper limits, contributes to greater marketability and to price continuity. It may, however, be broadly stated that in the absence of adequate supplies of the metals, speculation is likely to be of a bullish character."

Seth Govindas Is it not a fact that the matter has been under consideration for a long time and may I know on what date decision will be made.

Dr. Matthai: I am not in a position to answer that question.

The Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, told Mr V C. Kesavan Rao in Parliament today that the amount of capital from the United States invested in India during the financial year 1949-50, was Rs. 5.66.500.

U. K. Trade With India

PRINCIPAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

(£ 000)

	Full Year 1949	January 1949	January 1950
TOTAL ALL EXPORTS	117,132	12,879	7,647
Of which:—			
Machinery	38,946	3,877	3,868
Vehicles (including ships and locomotives)	15,771	1,485	1,125
Electrical goods & apparatus	9,255	1,081	522
Chemicals, drugs, dyes & colours	10,252	1,471	223
TOTAL ALL IMPORTS	98,215	9,024	7,019
Of which:—			
Tea	41,746	5,029	2,370
Jute manufactures	10,691	784	1,082
Raw jute	5,206	449	216
Leather & manufactures	10,288	617	807

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

No Special Facilities

Dr. Matthai said Government were not aware of any facilities which had been specifically asked for. From time to time discussions had proceeded with U. S. financiers regarding conditions and terms of investment, but there had been no definite proposals so far. He told Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari that he was "aware "that in the negotiations for a treaty between the United States and India one of the conditions insisted upon by the United States was national treatment as loans on capital invested in India.

Dr. John Matthai gave details of the development projects for which the Government of India have entered into negotiations with foreign concerns The Finance Minister specified twelve important projects in this connection which included dry core cable factory, machine tools factory, heavy electrical plant manufacturing project, steel project, synthetic petroleum project, radar and radio equipment, penicillin factory, fertiliser project prototype cum machine tool factory, Indian telephone industries, lightweight coaching stock factory and locomotive manufacturing project.

The negotiations were not for participation of foreign capital in all cases. They fell into three categories, namely (a) participation of foreign capital, (b) payment of royalty for use of patent rights and "know-how" and (c) payment of charges for acting as consultants for planning, construction and initial operation.

AGREEMENT WITH STATES

The Finance Minister said in Parliament today that he would try to place on the table of the house of copy of the financial agreement entered into by the Government of India with states in part of the seventh schedule.

The agreements were based on the recommendations of the Krishnamachari Committee. Income-tax would be levied in the states which had not levied tax so far from April 1, 1950. The rates of income-tax would be gradually brought up to the level prevailing in the rest of India in the course of a few years.

The Home Minister said that the Central Government had informed the States Governments that they should be self-sufficient in the matter of law and order and they should increase the strength of their police force and wherever necessary supplement it my home guards and such organisations."

Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, told Mr H. V. Kamath that the "Gol Gumbaz" dome at Bijapur was showing signs of decay and the Government of India had recently sanctioned a two-year programme of repair work to the interior of the main dome The repair work was in progress and was estimated to cost Rs 2,18,000.

Maulana Azad told Mr. S. K. Sidhwa that the merger of the Boy Scouts and the Hindustan Scouts Association was awaiting formal implementation of the scheme agreed to by heads of the respective associations. A substantial measure of agreement had been reached between the Girl Guides Association and the other two associations It was hoped that the remaining points of difference would be settled soon and the merger finalised.

RED RAIDS

Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, informed Parliament today in reply to Mr Kuladhar Chaliha that a group of the Revolutionary Communist Party of India organised a raid on Tinu, in the district of Kamrup, 50 miles from Gauhati. This raid was organised by the party for the purpose of collecting funds

The Deputy Prime Minister replied in affirmative to a question whether any plan had been discovered for dislocating the Government of Assam, but negatived a suggestion that there had been infiltration of Communists from outside India

The leader of the revolutionary Communist Party he said, is an Indian. The case was still under investigation The particular makes of the sten guns and revolvers used during the raid were not known.

Sardar Patel said that a special officer had been sent to Assam to investigate into the whole affairs.

Prof. Ranga—Are the Government pursuing an all India plan in order to supplement and support state governments with a view to putting down Communist violence?

Sardar Patel—All over India it is being put down except in Andhra, where it is impossible because there is no popular co-operation. The Government shall be obliged if the members of the Congress and other parties cooperate with them instead of taking up other questions.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 15.

MILLS—
Apollo 2-11
Bharat 27
B. Dyeing 1062-8 65 61-4 72-8 51-4
C. India 235 32
Century 245 43-12
Colaba 95
E. Textiles 216-4
Finlay 264 65
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Kohinoor 314-8 13-8 14-8 12-8
Laxmi 643-12 45
Meyer 91-4 90
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Sassoon Cotton 18
Simplex 184-8 84 85 83
Svadeshi 267-8 66 67 65
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Baroda 123-4
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Central New 84-12 84-8
Imperial Old 1770 73-12
Imperial New 435
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Ahmedabad 128/12 29/6
Andhra 1445 40
Suburban 153/12
Hydro 154
Power 1542/8 40
New India 56/8
I. Mercantile 39
B Steel 20/4 20/8 20/1
I. Iron 29/1 29/3 28/13
Tata Defd 1615 18/12 10 15 1590
Tata Ord. 324 24/8 22 23/8 19
Tata 1st Pref 197/8 98/12
Tata 2nd Pref 139/4 39 39/8
Alcock 282/8 84/6
A C.C. 150/12 51 50
Belapur 225 27 25/8
B.B. Old 405 13/12 6/4 8/12 5
B.B. New 137/8 33/12
Petrol 1/4/3 1/4/9 1/4/6
B.I.C. 9/1 9
I. Copper 2/3
Port Canning 57/8
P. Const. 87 87/8 86/12 88 86/8
Shivrajpur 31
Tata Chem. 11/2 11/4 11/2
Tata Oil 45/12
Wimco 228/12 28/4
SPECIAL
Ahmedabad Elec. New 77/8

NEW YORK PEPPER QUIET

nal, December 1.34 nominal, January 1.29 nominal, February 1.29 nominal New Contract, March 1.38 asked, May 1.40 asked, July 1.34 bid September 1 37 asked, October 1.37 asked, December 1.34 asked, January 1.29 asked, February 1.29 asked. White Pepper Spot 2.55 asked.

LONDON PEPPER MARKET

LONDON, March 14.

Trading on the pepper market was lifeless with little change in quoted prices. Black Lampong, March-April shipment, still offered at 10sh 8d., white muntok 16sh. shipping weight, white sarawak 16sh. 6d. delivered weight per pound c.i.f., basis ports. Malabar afloat is valued at 1,120 shillings, March/April 1,115 per cwt. c.i.f. United Kingdom.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SANGAPORE, March 14.

The pepper market was easier with black lampong quoted at 595 and white muntok at 880 dollars per picul as compared with previous 605 and 890 respectively.

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DON'T BE LED INTO ADVENTURES ABROAD

Acheson Warns Chinese People

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15, (PTI-Reuter).

UNITED States Secretary of State Mr. Dean Acheson today warned the Chinese people they might "bring grave trouble upon themselves and their friends" if the Communist regime led them into "aggressive or subversive adventures beyond their borders."

Outlining United States foreign policy in Asia, before the Commonwealth Club here, Mr. Acheson declared:

The United States did not intend to engage in any aggressive adventures against the Chinese people and fully understood that the present unhappy status of the Chinese people within the orbit of the Soviet Union was not the result of any choice on their part but had been forced upon them.

The American people would remain friends of the Chinese people.

RED BASE

The world now faced the prospect that the Communists might attempt to use China as a base for probing for other weak spots into which they could move and exploit, he said.

The American Government was "entirely willing" to continue trading with China but trade required certain standards of conduct. Ships, planes and traders must be received under conditions of security. Contracts must be honoured and some medium of exchange must be reasonably regulated.

It did not propose that Americans should sell goods which might be used to harm the United States.

TREATY WITH RUSSIA

The Sino-Soviet Treaty of friendship, alliance and mutual assistance signed in Moscow last month had given a new and clear indication of Russia's intention in China.

"The Chinese people may welcome these promises and assurances", Mr. Acheson said. "But they will not fail in time to see where they fall short of China's real needs and desires. And they will wonder about the points upon which the agreements remain silent."

China today faced a prospect of 50,000,000 people suffering from hunger between now and the next crops. "Millions may die and yet food moves from China to the Soviet Union", he said.

The basic objectives of American foreign policy were to make possible a world in which all peoples including the peoples of Asia could work in their own way towards a better life.

The United States opposed the spread of Communism because it perverted the real democratic revolution which had been going on all over the world since long before Communism had been thought of.

INDIAN LABOUR CONFERENCE

Mazdoor Sabha Delegates

BOMBAY, Wednesday: The Working Committee of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha at its meeting held on 14th March 1950 has selected Messrs. R. S Ruikar and Asoka Mehta as delegates, and Messrs. Anthoni Pillai and J. C. Maitra as advisers to the forthcoming Indian Labour Conference to be held at Delhi on 20th and 21st of this month to discuss the Labour Relations Bill and the Trade Unions Bill recently introduced in the Union Parliament.

TRIAL BY SPECIAL TRIBUNAL

Nizam's Assailant's Demand

SECUNDERABAD, March 15 (UPI): Mr. B. G. Keskar, former Secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, who is alleged to have thrown a hand-grenade at the Rajpramukh of Hyderabad, H.E.H. Nizam, on the 26th January, 1950, today filed a petition before Mr. Tarachand Gupta, trying Magistrate, claiming his trial by a special tribunal. He argued that it was a case of political nature and it should be tried by a tribunal.

Mr. Keskar's request will be forwarded to the Government through the High Court, it is reported.

V. P. Menon Visits Nizam

SECUNDERABAD, March 15 (UPI). —Mr. V. P. Menon, Political Adviser to the States Ministry, Government of India, had an audience with the Rajpramukh of Hyderabad, H.E.H. the Nizam, today.

U. S. AID TO VIETNAM

100 M. Dollars Soon

SAIGON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter).

IMMEDIATE American aid to Vietnam, according to Vietnamese political circles, will probably amount to one hundred million dollars, sufficient to equip a Vietnamese army of 100,000 men and re-equip French forces. The military aid, consisting of material and equipment, will be distributed by a Franco-Vietnamese Commission including also American experts.

Mr. Robert Allen Griffin, Head of the American Economic Mission leaving here tomorrow after ten days in Indo-China, said at Hanoi yesterday that economic aid would be given directly to Bao Dai, Head of the Vietnam State.

It would be in two immediate forms, he added: Governmental credits and credits by the Import Export Bank.

The United States would also send American technicians to Vietnam as "advisers."

Bao Dai arrived at Saigon today to welcome Admiral W. P. Berkey. Commanding the Seventh American Fleet arriving in Saigon tomorrow with an American Naval Mission in two destroyers, the "Anderson" and "Stickell" and the aircraft carrier "Boxer."

Naval Chiefs Meet President

Dr. Rajendra Prasad with Vice-Admi ral W. E. Parry and Commodore G. Bernard at Government House when they called on the President.

HUNDRED MILLION COMBINATIONS

Strong-Room Door For Persian Bank

WOLVERHAMPTON, March 15 (PTI-Reuter).—A British firm of safe makers is sending strong-room doors equipped with two key locks, a combination lock and a time lock to the National Bank of Persia at Teheran to protect the Persian Crown jewels.

One of the strong rooms at the bank will display the jewels with the Peacock Throne. It will have a door weighing ten tons, twenty inches thick, with a steel vestibule and folding gates. The door and vestibule are covered with aluminium alloy and finished with bronze stars.

The combination lock will be capable of 100 million different combinations and the time lock will prevent the door being opened, even if the other three locks are opened, except at fixed times.

The contract also included a safe deposit with over four thousand lockers.

Commodore Brown To Hand Over Charge

BOMBAY, Wednesday: Commodore H. N. S. Brown, Commodore-Commanding Indian Naval Squadron, will hand over charge of his office to Commodore G. Bernard, tomorrow (March 16) at 9 a.m. on board I.N.S. Delhi, Flagship of the Indian Naval Squadron, which returned to Bombay yesterday after participating in naval exercises off Ceylon.

Bombay Government Gazette

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Acts of Parliament and Ordinances of the President of the Indian Republic will in future be published in a separate part of the Bombay Government Gazette. The subscription and the retail price of the new part, which is named Part VI, are the same as those of Part IV, that is, Rs. 5 per annum and two annas per single copy respectively, up to December 31 next, up to which date this part of the Gazette will be supplied free of charge to the subscribers of Part IV. The rates will be revised thereafter.

STRANGE MAN CASTS SPELL ON CITY STENO & ROBS HIM

BOMBAY Wednesday.

A COMPLAINT was registered at the Colaba Police Station, by a young City stenographer Mr. I. N. Lewis, on Wednesday last, that while he was crossing the traffic culvert near the Council Hall, he was accosted by a strange man, who put him under a hypnotic spell and robbed him of Rs. 208 which he had in his purse and a gold ring on the second finger of his left hand.

The police however, seem to have made no headway towards the solution of the crime, and it is a doubtful point if the mystery will ever be cleared at all, according to young Lewis himself, who seems to be without much hope of ever getting back what he lost.

Lewis' version of the story is this: At 10-35 that morning, he was trying to negotiate the crossing near the Council Hall, when a man who looked down and out — an unemployed ne-er-do-well according to all appearances — asked him to stop and demanded a matchstick to light his "beedi". Lewis, who was a non-smoker, said that he had no matchbox with him, and tried to pass on.

The stranger is then stated to have lightly touched him on his shoulder, and volunteered the information that Lewis carried more than Rs. 200 on his person. He is also stated to have followed up this disclosure with a round demand for half of whatever he had in his purse at that time.

Lewis rebuked him and attempted to walk on. The pertinancious "mendicant" followed him and demanded his gold ring in addition to the half-share he had earlier demanded.

When Lewis refused, the man threatened him saying that if he were not reasonable, both his money as well as his ring would disappear in the next few minutes. Lewis thought that this was a huge joke — albeit a silly one — and walked away.

He had hardly proceeded a few steps, when he felt an unaccountable lethargy overcome him, and he was almost glued to the spot near where he had first exchanged words with the "exacting" stranger. It was a few minutes before, he recovered from the stupor and could continue his journey.

RING GONE

But, the very moment he regained his normal faculties, he also realised that his ring had disappeared from his finger. He dipped his hand into his pockets, to realise that the purse which contained all his money, had followed suit. The stranger was also nowhere in sight.

Lewis, who realised that he had been diddled, by some unholy process and robbed in broad daylight, made a beeline to the Colaba Police Station, and registered a complaint.

Narrating the circumstances under which he had been robbed, Lewis, who is an employee of Messrs. Continental Trading Syndicate, 28 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, told a reporter of this paper, "soon after the stranger touched me, I was overcome by some drowsy feeling and did not know what was happening to me. My first replies were all mechanical. The ring was so tight on my finger that ordinarily if I wanted to remove it, I had to struggle with it for about 15 minutes and even use soap to make it slippery. I can't say how the man removed it from my finger or even whether I myself gave it to him." He had no coherent explanation to give, with regard to the money also.

Lewis said that it was quite unusual for him to carry so much with him on his person. He had saved the amount in driblets during the last twelve months to go for a holiday to his native place at Mangalore. That day he had taken out the money to make some purchases and buy presents for his people at home.

POLICE ATTITUDE

In a written statement to this paper, Lewis says that his complaint to the police did not receive much sympathy, as the police officers felt that crimes of this type, in which a total stranger was involved, were practically impossible to solve, also as the 'modus operandi' employed was of a peculiar nature.

It may also be stated that the Nagpada Police Station, has a similar complaint lodged with them, by a female domestic servant, who has alleged that she was put under a hypnotic spell by somebody, and robbed of her gold chain and other ornaments in broad daylight. The police here, it is learnt, made many attempts to trace the miscreant by taking the woman with them to all likely places in which such characters can be expected to hang about, but the woman has not been able to point to anyone, though she is stated to maintain that if she sees the man she can identify him.

The man is learnt to have accosted the woman some days ago, begged for an anna or two and later engaged her in a talk, by reading her palm. The woman is stated to have felt dizzy, while the man read her hand. When she regained normalcy some time later she realised that she had lost her gold chain and other sundry trinkers, and later complained to the Nagpadt Police Station.

No Officer Penalised Due To "Pressure"

MORARJI DESAI REFUTES ALLEGATIONS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"ANY attempt, made by any member of a political or social party or a citizen, to wean away the loyalty of any public servant is an act of treason to the Government", stated Mr. Morarji Desai Home Minister, in the Bombay Legislative Assembly today. The Minister was replying to the debate on a cut motion that "undue pressure was brought by influential private parties to effect the transfer of officers whom they did not like."

Mr. S. L. Karandikar, Independent, who moved the cut said that there was an impression in the public mind that political pressure had often been brought into play, to effect transfers, as the officers had refused to do the bidding of the influential parties who wanted them to do certain things, or to refrain from doing certain other things.

Mr. G. A. Deshpande, Mr. P. K. Bhapkar, Mr. Tulsidar Jadhav and Mr. G. V. Momin spoke on the cut.

The Home Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, said, that he felt "acutely unhappy" when all manner of baseless allegations were made against public workers, that they were unduly influencing Government to effect the transfer of officers whom they did not like. It was obvious to the "meanest intelligence" that the allegations were directed against Congressmen.

The Minister said that while it was possible that he might have been sometimes guilty of an error of judgment, it was untrue to say that either he or other responsible members of the Government had knowingly and deliberately yielded to pressure. He felt that the allegations were designedly and deliberately made to discredit the ruling party.

Mr. Desai maintained that in a democratic administration, it was improper to shut out the suggestions of members of the public and social workers, so long as such suggestions were made honestly and without motive. It was the duty of the Government to consider all such suggestions, without prejudice so that Government might consider the best course to adopt in particular circumstances.

TREASON

"Any attempt to wean away an officer from the path of duty is treason. We want to have a perfect administrative machinery—efficient, truthful and impartial—responsive to public opinion, and the only way to do it is for the people's representatives to supervise such an administration", observed Mr. Desai.

Hence, if members of the public and social workers conveyed information to Government, they not only did no wrong, but only did their duty.

While Government had taken care to see that no officer from any department was treated unfairly due to "undue influences and pressures", they had also impressed on every officer "to hear every one freely and sympathetically, but always to act according to law and his own conscience.

Refuting the suggestion that officers had been transferred or otherwise penalised due to "pressure", Mr. Desai said that this was quite untrue. Government was aware that even now there were officers in the Government, who were inimical to it. But they had not taken any action, even against such men, so long as they discharged their duties properly.

"We have not punished any one for his thoughts—past or present", he added.

After the Home Minister's reply, Mr. Karandikar withdrew his cut.

The next cut motion to discuss the general administration of the Police Department, was moved by Mr. T. S. Jadhav, Peasants' and Workers' Party. He said that the amount expended on the Police Department, especially the C.I.D., was too large and had to be drastically reduced.

Citing instances of how money was "wasted" on the C.I.D., he mentioned that wherever he went a "retinue" of six C.I.D.'s followed him and reported all that he said. Surely, Government could use their revenues better.

The discussion on the cut had not ended, when the House rose for the day.

INFORMATION WANTED

Earlier, replying to the debate to discuss Government's system of intercepting letters, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, said that such a system prevailed in almost all the democratic countries of the world. There was nothing extraordinary about it. From times immemorial, governments all over the civilized world had devised various methods for obtaining secret information, so necessary for the maintenance of peace and order.

The Home Minister said that no government could do without obtaining secret information from various sources, regarding disruptive elements. Government would surely be failing in its duty if it did not obtain such information, so necessary for guaranteeing safety and tranquility to the people. No government could exist if the anti-social elements persisted in carrying on their disruptive activities "in very intensified form."

The Minister said that his long association with the members of the Socialist Party had convinced him that they did believe in underground work. He added, "Even when Congress was not concerned with underground work, the Socialists were experts in underground activities."

NIPPING TROUBLE IN THE BUD

Replying to another cut moved by Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin, to discuss the work of the local Intelligence Branches of the Police, Mr. Morarji said that Government required secret information, not only during periods of stress and strain but also in peace time. The reason was, that the world, as it was at present, contained people who were bent on disrupting society, one way or the other. It was the task of these Intelligence Branches to prevent this. Government was by duty bound to see that the activities aimed at creating chaos and confusion were nipped in the bud.

The Minister made it clear that the local Intelligence Branches differed from the C.I.D., inasmuch as the former only collected information regarding all disruptive elements, whereas the latter actually investigated the offences. The Intelligence Branches worked, not in a haphazard way, as it was generally thought, but on a scientific basis. It was natural that some of the officers might have committed stupid mistakes, here and there. In such cases, Government could do nothing but offer their regret and promise that steps would be taken to prevent such mistakes in future.

The Home Minister refuted the allegation that certain persons were "shadowed" permanently by the officers of these branches. He added that even when a person was shadowed, "he was shadowed with propriety." He assured the House that the Government had its eye on all these Branches, and proper control was exercised over them.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' ACT AMENDED

The Assembly, at its special session, this morning, passed without any discussion, the Health Minister, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder's Bill to amend the Bombay Medical Practitioners' Act of 1938.

Introducing the Bill, the Minister stated that the term "Indian systems of Medicine", as occurring in the Act, was inaccurate and inappropriate. It was therefore proposed to substitute the words "Ayurvedic and Unani Tibbi Systems of Medicine" for the words "Indian Systems of Medicine".

It was also proposed that, in case, the Board of Indian Systems of Medicines or the Faculty of Indian Systems of Medicine, or any other authority empowered to exercise any of the powers, or to perform any of the functions under the Act, had not been validly constituted or appointed, Government might empower any person to exercise any of the powers or perform any of the duties of the Board, or the Faculty, for a period of six months.

After the Health Minister's explanation regarding the proposed amendments of the Act, the amending Bill was read for the first, second and third time, and passed.

Resuming his speech on the Bill to extend the limits of the Bombay Municipal Corporation to the present jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Police and the High Court, Mr. H. S. Patasakar, Congress requested the Government to consider seriously the financial implications of the scheme, particularly in view of the fact that many of the Post-War Reconstruction schemes, had been abadoned by the government, for want of finances.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar, Independent opposed the Bill on fundamental grounds. He said that merger was the fashion of the day in Indian politics. Like the proverb "marry in haste, and repent at leisure", it had been the experience of the people of the Merged Areas, to "merge in haste, and repent at leisure".

He said that the Government did not seem to care to ascertain whether the citizens of Bombay favoured the idea of additional areas being brought under the control of the Bombay Municipal Corporation. Nor was the will of the people of the areas proposed to be merged ascertained.

He, therefore, suggested that Government should hold some sort of referendum for this purpose. This might cause a little delay, but such delay was jutsified.

The debate was not concluded when the House rose.

IN A CHINA SHOP

By Taurus

I SEE a number of reports in the press about persons who were hoodwinked into giving up their money and their watches by people who disappear mysteriously. I have been well impressed by these versions which seemed to me evidence of a fertile imagination. The other day a colleague who dozed off in his compartment, woke up to find his Parker 51 pinched from his pocket. A week earlier D. G. who warned me benevolently not to tempt thieves by hanging my pen on my outer coat pocket, had his Parker 51 stolen from him mysteriously but not inexplicably. Being innocent fellows, they just came to office and told the bare story and were laughed at instead of sympathised with. If they had only laid it on a little, they could have won general sympathy

Some years ago, when I was studying at school, a boy who was in the same class, came home with an extraordinary story: As he stepped out of his school, three armed men with masks over their faces stepped up from behind the post-pillar and shouted, "Stick 'em up, buddy". He did. The next thing he knew was that the biggest, fattest and burliest of them all caught hold of him by the shirt, removed all the studs, took off his wrist-watch, relieved him of his fountain-pen, and then turned his pockets out to collect a couple of rupees. That was not all, so ran the report; the ruffian then rubbed some brownish stuff under his (the victim's) nose and turning him round, planted one foot squarely in the small of his (the victim's) back and pushed him ungently into the ditch. The poor boy had, so he said, just managed to pick himself up and make his way home where an anxious family ministered to him.

Now if I had said this at home, probably I would not have been believed. But this little fellow was God-fearing, industrious, clever and very timid. Everyone looked upon him, till then, as George Washington II; and, even after, his family doted on his truthfulness. I had my doubts but I, as I was told the other day, have a dirty mind which, as I was also told is what makes me interesting to—well to those to whom I'm interesting. But that's beside the point. I had somehow expected the infant prodigy to turn into a prodigious infant before the examination and indiscreet expression of these expectations had won me quite a lot of cuffs on the ear but without effect. But I had not expected anything so dramatic as this. The result was that we both did badly in our examinations—but whilst I failed with ignominy, his failure was almost a triumph. Everyone wondered at his terrible courage in going through the examination after his nerve-shattering experience, which "would have easily finished the sanity of a lesser man."

Which only tells you that there are more imaginative ways of losing your money than just having it picked or just spending it.

NEW TYPE OF HELP TO EUROPE

When Marshall Aid Ends In 1952

WASHINGTON, March 15 (P.T.I.-Reuter): America is considering a new type of assistance programme to Europe for whom the Marshall Plan ends in 1952.

Representative Mr. Jacob K. Javits (Republican, New York) said he plans to introduce an amendment to the Economic Co-operation Administration Law to emphasise to Europe that Marshall Aid would certainly end in 1952, and to determine what type of assistance would do most to continue progress achieved by the European recovery plan.

Industrial Disputes

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Industrial disputes between the Shaparia Dock and Steel Company, Limited, and the Eastern Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, both of Bombay, and their respective workers, have been referred for adjudication, the first to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. M. C. Shah and the other to that of Mr. Salim M. Merchant.

Indian Destroyers Leave Colombo

COLOMBO, March 15 (P.T.I): The three destroyers of the Indian Navy, Ranjit, Rana and Rajput which were on a short visit here, left for Cochin today.

Lights Switched Off To Hide 200 Guests

SECUNDERABAD, March 15 (UPI).—An Assistant Director of the Rationing Department accompanied by inspectors raided Kamal Manzil, Hyderguda, on the evening of March 11, 1950, and found that about 200 guests were being entertained by Mr. Syed Saadutullah. When the rationing staff attempted to note down the names of the guests the electric lights were put out.

A "panchanama" was, however, held and the police took charge of the case for investigation and further action.

MUTT AND JEFF—So You See All Diplomats Don't Do Der Dipple

By BUD FISHER

MUTT, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET MR. FRANCOIS VONSNUTZ FROM THE U.N.
GLAD TO KNOW YOU!
TELL ME HOW ARE THINGS COMING ALONG AT LAKE SUCCESS?
VERY VERY GOOT, MEESTER MUTT!
JEFF, IM GLAD YOU BROUGHT SUCH A VERY DISTINGUISHED GUEST TO MY PARTY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MALIK, THE RUSSIAN DELEGATE?
WHAT ABOUT PALESTINE?
BY THE WAY, WHAT DO YOU DO AT THE U.N.?
I CLEAN ZE WEENDOWS!
Fisher

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